

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-28148-2021

Date of Decision: 22.07.2021

AJINDER PAL SINGH

.....Petitioner

V/s.

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL.

(Through Video Conferencing)

Present: Mr. Sherry K. Singla, Advocate,
 for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.80 dated 28.04.2021 lodged under Section 498-A, 326, 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Section 304-B of the IPC, 1860 added later on) registered at Police Station Dehlon, District Ludhiana, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was not even present at his residence when his wife, Ravinder Kaur i.e. deceased set herself ablaze. He further submits that as soon as he received intimation of his wife setting herself on fire, he reached his house and took her to the nearest hospital and remained with her throughout.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has invited the attention of this Court to Annexure P-5 (Colly.) which are the medical prescriptions of the deceased-wife to contend that in fact she had been suffering from depression and it was a result thereof that she committed suicide. He submits that in the circumstances he could not be held responsible for the suicide of his wife. He has also submitted that similar situated co-accused-Sarbjit Kaur

i.e. mother of the petitioner has been extended the concession of anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 15.06.2021 passed by this Court.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the material on record with his able assistance.

A perusal of the FIR in question prima facie discloses the commission of cognizable offence in as much as the deceased has stated that after she set herself ablaze, her husband did not immediately take her to the hospital nor did he try to put-off the fire by stating that she would be taken to hospital only once her parents had arrived. In view thereof, the petitioner does not deserve the concession of anticipatory bail. Resultantly, the instant petition stands dismissed. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

July 22, 2021

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**[MANJARI NEHRU KAUL]
JUDGE**

Whether speaking / reasoned : Yes / No

Whether Reportable : Yes / No