

DARSHAN SINGH

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

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

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, DAG, Punjab.

VIVEK PURI, J. (ORAL)

Custody certificate of the petitioner has been circulated today and the same is taken on record.

Darshan Singh-petitioner is seeking regular bail in the case bearing FIR No.50 dated 06.04.2022, under Sections 306/34 IPC, 1860, registered at Police Station Raman, District Bathinda.

Briefly, the FIR has been registered on the basis of the statement of Harpreet Singh alleging that the marriage of his sister Veerpal Kaur-deceased was solemnized about 13-14 years back with Kuldeep Singh and a son presently aged about 10 years was born from the wedlock. The petitioner is the father-in-law of the deceased. The petitioner along with Kuldeep Singh had been giving beatings to the deceased under the influence of liquor. The deceased had committed suicide by consuming some poisonous substance on 05.04.2022.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the marriage of the deceased was solemnized with the son of the petitioner about 13-14 years ago. There is nothing to suggest that during the lifetime of the deceased any complaint was submitted at any forum either by her or any member of her

parental family. The petitioner is in custody for a period of 05 months and 10 days and is not involved in any other case. The investigation of the case is complete and challan has also been presented.

Learned State counsel has opposed the bail application primarily on the score that there are categoric allegations with regard to the beatings given by the petitioner and his son attributed in the FIR and the deceased had committed suicide on that score.

It is significant to note that the marriage of the deceased was solemnized with the son of the petitioner about 13-14 years prior to the occurrence. The son has also been born from the wedlock. There is nothing to suggest that during the lifetime of the deceased, either the deceased or any member of her parental family had submitted any complaint at any forum with regard to any maltreatment or harassment meted out to her by the petitioner. The investigation of the case is complete and challan has been presented. The conclusion of trial is likely to take sometime. No fruitful purpose will be served by detaining the petitioner in further custody. As such, sufficient mitigating circumstances are made out to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing requisite bail bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

The petition is allowed accordingly.

16.09.2022
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(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No