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T.V.THAMILSELVI, J.

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 01.12.2022 for the alleged offence under Section 174 Cr.P.C. And subsequently it was altered into Sec. 306 of I.P.C. in Crime No.154 of 2022 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner and the 1st daughter of defacto complainant got married on 08.07.2019 and due to some family dispute, she went to her mother's house. Thereafter, on the advise of defacto complainant and her family members, she went back to her matrimonial house. However, on 30.11.2022, at about 04.00 p.m., defacto complainant received a phone call stating that her daughter died by hanging. Hence, mother of deceased lodged the complaint against the petitioner.



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3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the deceased locked herself in a room and hung herself and when his mother tried to seek help of neighbours to save her, all the steps taken by her went in vain. He would submit that he is an innocent person and he has not at all committed any offence as alleged by the respondent police. He would submit that he is no way connected with the occurrence and he will abide by any condition that may be imposed by this court. He would further submit that the investigation is almost completed and that the petitioner has been suffering incarceration from 01.12.2022. Hence, he prayed to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for respondent would submit that the petitioner is arrayed as A1 and deceased got married the petitioner on 08.07.2019 and having one child. Now, child is in the custody of maternal grandmother. He would submit that due to dowry harassment of both the mother-in-law/A2 and the petitioner, the deceased said to have committed suicide, in which detailed investigation is required in this case. He would submit that if he is released on bail, he

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would tamper the witnesses and hamper the investigation and the investigation is not yet completed. Hence, he vehemently opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the submissions made by both counsel and also considering gravity of offence committed by the petitioner and also considering the fact that due to dowry harassment of petitioner, the deceased said to have committed suicide, in which detailed investigation is required and if he is released on bail, there is possibility of tampering the witnesses and hampering the investigation, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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