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2023 : PHHC : 079629

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-26915-2023
Date of Decision: 31.05.2023

SURAJ YADAV

... PETITIONER

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB

... RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Present: Mr. A.S.Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, DAG Punjab.

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VIVEK PURI, J. (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed for grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 33 dated 06.02.2022 under Section 304-B IPC registered at Police Station Sahnewal, Ludhiana.

2. Briefly, the FIR has been registered on the allegations that the daughter of the complainant was aged about 19 years and her marriage was solemnized with the petitioner on 06.12.2020. The petitioner used to harass the deceased for bringing money from her parents and ultimately, on 05.02.2022, the deceased had died on account of hanging.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that while appearing in the witness-box, the father of the deceased had given discrepant version. Moreover, he is in custody for a period of 1 year, 3 months and 21 days.

4. Learned State counsel has opposed the bail application on the score that there are allegations to the effect that the deceased was harassed

to such an extent that she was forced to live in her parental home for a period of 6 months. Besides, she was being repeatedly harassed on account of demand of money. Out of 9, 2 witnesses have been examined.

5. The petitioner is the husband of the deceased. There are categoric and specific allegations with regard to harassment and beatings given to the deceased on account of demand of money being raised by him. Even the deceased was forced to reside in her parental home for a period of 6 months. The deceased was aged about 20 years at the time of occurrence which took place in the house of the petitioner. The death has taken place on account of other than normal circumstances within a period of less than 1¼ years from the date of marriage. The deceased was subjected to cruelty on account of demand of dowry soon before her death.

6. Keeping in view the entire circumstances appearing on record, no justified ground is made out to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner.

7. Dismissed.

31.05.2023

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(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

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