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SANDEEP @ SONU VS STATE OF PUNJAB

Present: Ms. Himani Kapila, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Harpreet Singh, Addl. AG Punjab.

This petition is for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.118 dated 31.05.2022 registered under Sections 306, 34 IPC at Police Station Sadar Ferozepur, District Ferozepur (Annexure P-1).

The FIR was lodged on the allegations that four years ago the deceased's marriage was solemnized with Mandeep @ Monu. A daughter was born out of the wedlock, and her husband, brother-in-law (petitioner herein) and father-in-law used to subject her to mental as well as physical cruelty. She was forcibly turned out of the house by giving beatings on 07.04.2022. She, ultimately, committed suicide with the minor daughter on 26.05.2022.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is brother in law/*jeth* of the deceased. There is no specific attribution to him. The husband as well as father-in-law of the deceased were granted interim pre-arrest bail by this Court, vide order dated 22.09.2022 passed in CRM-M-29828-2022 & CRM-M-43914-2022. The same has been made absolute as the State did not require them for further investigation.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Darshan Singh, does not dispute the aforesaid facts. He states that challan has been filed, but charges are yet to be framed.

The petitioner is in custody since 01.06.2022. Culpability of the petitioner is a matter of trial which is not likely to conclude in near future.

No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody during that period.

In view thereof, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on furnishing requisite bail bonds/sureties to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

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