

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-47183-2023 (O&M)

Date of decision : 09.10.2023

Geeta Rani & Ors.

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Anr.

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: None for the petitioners.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab
for the respondents.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure has been filed for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners in FIR No.53 dated 28.04.2023, under Section 306 of IPC, registered at Police Station Kotwali, Nabha, District Patiala.

(2) Above FIR was registered on the basis of statement made by complainant-Ramesh Chand with the allegations that he is running a shop for selling wooden stairs, ropes etc. He has two sons & one daughter. One son-Kaushal Chand is married with Geeta Rani daughter of late Subhash Chand Jindal, from the past 14 years. His daughter in law Geeta Rani used to quarrel with the complainant and his son on petty matters. They kept silent due to children and that better sense will prevail on her. The complainant's son was beaten by his daughter in law, when he tried to stop her from manhandling

his son, during scuffle Geeta Rani received injury on her head and was admitted to Civil Hospital, Nabha. She called her parental house, who after coming to the hospital manhandled the complainant. Geeta Rani was discharged from the hospital and came to complainant's house, on coming she gave beatings to his son Kaushal Chand. Geeta Rani, her mother Shimla Devi and two brothers were asking for Rs.15 lacs and retain their children and they will take Geeta Rani to Sangrur. During this, his son Kaushal Chand made a movie on mobile phone by saying that he has been insulted by his wife, her mother Shimla Devi & his two brother in laws and committed suicide by consuming Sulfas at 12 midnight. Geeta Rani, Shimla Devi and two brother in laws, namely Manoj and Deepak are responsible for the suicide of his son.

(3) This Court vide order dated 19.09.2023, granted interim bail to petitioners and the same reads as under:-

“Contends inter-alia that matter has been amicably settled between the parties and even co-accused is already granted concession of bail vide CRM-M-44666-2023.

Notice of motion for 09.10.2023.

To be heard along with CRM-M-44666-2023.

In the meanwhile, petitioners shall join investigation before the Investigating Officer. In the event of their arrest, the Arresting Officer would admit them to interim bail, till the next date of hearing, on furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to his satisfaction. The petitioners shall also abide by all the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.”

(4) Learned Counsel submits that in pursuance of the aforesaid order, petitioners have already joined the investigation and their custodial interrogation is not required.

(5) Learned State Counsel, on instructions from ASI Baljit Singh submits that petitioners have joined investigation and their custodial interrogation is not required.

(6) In view of above, interim order dated 19.09.2023 is made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

(7) It is also made clear that petitioners shall fully co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when called for further investigation.

(8) The above observations may not be construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case; rather confined only to decide the present bail matter.

(9) Disposed off accordingly.

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**(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No