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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM M – 51229-2023
Date of decision: 10.10.2023*Meeto and another**.....Petitioners**Versus**State of Punjab**.....Respondent***Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajbir Sehrawat**

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Present: Mr. Imran Farooqi, Advocate
for the petitioners

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Rajbir Sehrawat, J. (Oral)

1) The present petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, praying for grant of anticipatory/pre-arrest bail to the petitioners in case FIR No. 171 dated 04.09.2023, registered under Section 306 of the Indian Penal Code, at Police Station Bhikhi, District Mansa (Annexure P-1).

2) It is submitted by counsel for the petitioners that the case against the petitioners is totally false and concocted. The petitioners are not involved in the crime as alleged against them. Rather, the petitioners are the mother-in-law and wife of the deceased. Petitioner No. 2 - wife of the deceased was residing with her parents for the last more than seven months. Therefore, there would be no reason or occasion for the petitioners to cause any abetment of suicide by the deceased. Not only that, there has been no allegation as such, levelled by the deceased. Petitioner No. 2 – wife of the deceased had not even initiated any matrimonial proceedings against the

deceased. The deceased has not even left behind any suicide note. The petitioners shall join the investigation as and when called for by the police. Hence, the petitioners deserve to be protected against their arrest.

3) Notice of motion.

4) Mr. Sandeep Singh, Additional Advocate General, Punjab accepts the notice on behalf of the respondent - State.

5) It is submitted by counsel for the State, being instructed by ASI Bhola Singh that the deceased was husband of petitioner No. 2 - Nazia. As per the allegations, the deceased was harassed by the petitioners and finding no alternate, he has committed the suicide. However, it is not disputed that there had been no previous litigation between the deceased and petitioner No. 2 – wife at the time of committing suicide by the deceased.

6) In view of the above, but without commenting any further on merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. In the event of arrest, the petitioners be released on bail, subject to their furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioners shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

(Rajbir Sehrawat)
Judge

October 10, 2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned

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Yes/No

Whether reportable

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Yes/No