

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M No.61071 of 2023
Date of decision: 19.04.2024

Ram Singh Chawla and another ... Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present:- Mr. S.K. Garg Narwana, Senior Advocate,
with Mr. Nitin Sachdeva, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Bipan Ghai, Senior Advocate,
with Mr. Manuj Nagrath, Advocate,
for the complainant.

MANISHA BATRA, J.(Oral)

1. As submitted by learned State counsel, the petitioners have joined the investigation on 04.03.2024 and their custodial interrogation is no more required.
2. Learned counsel for the complainant, however, has submitted that there are serious allegations against the petitioners as the victim who was daughter-in-law of the petitioners had died a suicidal death within

three years of her marriage with the son of the present petitioners and her death was under unnatural circumstances and apparently on account of the harassment meted out at the hands of the petitioners and their family members, therefore, the petitioners do not deserve to be extended benefit of anticipatory bail.

3. However, keeping in view the fact that there are general allegations against the petitioners and the co-accused coupled with the fact that neither the custodial interrogation of the petitioners is required nor their detention would serve any useful purpose, the petition is allowed and the order of grant of interim bail dated 28.02.2024 is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure and also subject to the following conditions:-

(i) The petitioners shall cooperate with the investigation and shall appear before the investigating agency as and when required.

(ii) They shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any Police Officer.

(iii) They shall not commit any similar offence while on bail.

4. In case of violation of any of the above conditions, the jurisdictional Court shall be empowered to consider the application for cancellation, if any, and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law.

5. It is clarified that observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

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(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

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