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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **BAIL APPLN. 2309/2025 & CRL.M.A. 18463/2025,**
CRL.M.A. 18464/2025

KRISHANA RAJ BHATT

.....Applicant

Through: Mr. Nitin Saluja, Ms.
Shivani Luthra Lohiya &
Mr. K.S. Jaggi, Advs.

versus

STATE NCT OF DELHI

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Sunil Kumar Gautam,
APP for the State.
SI Nikhlesh, PS
Shakarpur.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT MAHAJAN

ORDER

% **26.09.2025**

1. The present bail application is filed by the applicant seeking regular bail in FIR No. 14/2024, dated 17.01.2024, registered at Police Station Shakarpur for the offences under Sections 498A/306 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('IPC').
2. It is averred that the applicant and victim got married in the month of November, 2016.
3. The FIR in the present case was registered pursuant to a complaint given by the father of the victim alleging that his daughter has committed suicide on 15.01.2024 on being persistently harassed by the applicant and his family members.
4. It is alleged that the applicant and his parents used to subject the victim to physical and mental cruelty on account of dowry. It is further alleged that the applicant used to fight with the victim after consuming alcohol.



5. It is alleged that on 15.01.2024, the victim committed suicide. The statements of the witnesses were recorded, who stated that a day prior to the alleged incident, they along with the victim and applicant were having dinner, whereafter, some argument took place between the victim and applicant.

6. One of the witnesses stated that on 15.01.2024, he had gone to work with the applicant and at around 3:00 PM when the applicant was not able to open the door, he peeped into the room through the crack in the door and saw that the victim had hanged herself. Thereafter, the door of the room was broken by one of the witnesses and the applicant, whereafter, the rope was cut and the victim was taken to the hospital.

7. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that vague allegations have been made in regard to demand of dowry. He submits that admittedly the victim died by committing suicide and no avert act has been attributed on the applicant to show that he in any manner abetted the same.

8. The applicant was arrested on 17.01.2024 and has been in custody since then. Even as per the allegation, the victim committed suicide on being harassed on account of the conduct of the applicant that he used to consume alcohol and used to fight with the victim.

9. Thus, any allegation in regard to the applicant abetting the commission of suicide cannot be ascertained at this stage and will be a subject matter of trial. It is undisputed that the applicant has spent a considerable period of time in custody and only one witness has been examined till date. The trial in such circumstances is not likely to conclude in near future.



10. The object of jail is to secure the appearance of the accused during the trial. The object is neither punitive nor preventive and the deprivation of liberty has been considered as a punishment.

11. In view of the aforesaid discussion, the applicant is admitted on bail and is directed to be released on furnishing a personal bond for a sum of ₹20,000/- with one surety of the like amount, subject to the satisfaction of the learned Trial Court, on the following conditions:

- a. The applicant shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case or tamper with the evidence of the case, in any manner whatsoever;
- b. The applicant shall under no circumstance leave the country without the permission of the learned Trial Court;
- c. The applicant shall appear before the learned Trial Court as and when directed;
- d. The applicant shall provide the address where he would be residing after his release and shall not change the address without informing the concerned IO/ SHO;
- e. The applicant shall, upon his release, give his mobile number to the concerned IO/SHO and shall keep his mobile phone switched on at all times.

12. In the event of there being any FIR/DD entry/complaint lodged against the applicant, it would be open to the respondent to seek redressal by filing an application seeking cancellation of bail.



13. It is clarified that the observations made in the present order are only for the purpose of deciding the present bail application and should not influence the outcome of the trial and also not be taken as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

14. The bail application is allowed in the aforementioned terms. Pending applications also stand disposed of.

AMIT MAHAJAN, J

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

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