

13.03.2024

Present: Sh. Vikash Kumar, Ld. Addl. PP for the State.
All three accused are produced from J/C.
Sh. Varun Gupta, Ld. Counsel for all the accused persons.
Sh. Laksh Gehlot, Ld. Counsel for complainant.

1. Matter is at the stage of arguments on charge. Ld. Counsel for accused persons concedes charges.

2. Briefly stated allegations are that on 20.09.2023, victim Komal, who had six months female baby at the time of incident, was in matrimonial litigation with the accused persons i.e her husband Abhinav Soni and her parents -in-law Anjali and Surender Kumar Soni. She was subjected to acid attack by mother-in-law at around 5.30 pm when the victim had come down stairs to switch on water motor. Accused father-in-law was also present there. It surfaced during the investigation that all the accused persons had conspired to commit acid attack on the victim and in furtherance of the same, mother- in-law had thrown acid on her.

3. The victim had stated before the police that all the accused persons used to physically assault her since after her marriage with accused husband on 21.11.2021. They used to turn her out from matrimonial house and harass with a view to bring money from her parental house. Even the complainant and her infant baby were locked inside the room on many occasions. She had complained on several occasions and thereafter police used to visit and get her unlocked. Accused husband had even harassed the victim by sending his friends after her whenever she used to visit market etc.’

4. After the incident of acid attack, victim was taken to JPC hospital and from there she was referred to RML hospital. Thereafter she was treated at AIIMS as well.

5. As per medical opinion, she suffered grievous injuries. The injuries were on her face, neck and breast as a result she could not even feed the baby. Complaint made by the victim before CAW Cell and other proceedings of CAW Cell are also available on court file wherein it is mentioned that all the accused persons had demanded a sum of Rs. 5 lacs after the marriage was fixed but was yet to take place. The said amount of Rs.5 lacs was demanded on 13.05.2021 and was paid by the mother of the victim. Several household goods, cash and jewellery articles were given to accused persons at the time of marriage and other functions which have not been returned back to her.

6. There are specific allegations regarding dowry related torture and other cruelty. She was also tortured for having delivered a female baby. Accused husband used to torture her by denying milk for baby and not paying expenses of medicines of the complainant when she was taken ill. Also, allegations regarding outrage of modesty have been levelled against accused father in-law on 05.08.2023. Several other allegations are also available on record against the accused persons.

7. Under these circumstances, prima facie offences under section 323/326A/406/498A/120B/34 IPC are made against all the accused persons apart from section 3 and 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act.

8. Put up for framing of charge on 05.04.2024.

(Dr. Savitri)
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