

Sheela Devi versus State of Punjab

CIS No.BA/1560/2022

CNR No.PBHO010047072022

Present: Mr.Lovkesh Ohri, Advocate, for the bail applicant/accused
Mr.Nitin Berry, Additional PP for the respondent State.

This application U/s 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of pre-arrest bail was filed by bail applicant/accused Sheela Devi on 15.07.2022. Upon notice, the respondent State appeared and contested the bail application. Police record has been produced by ASI Satnam Singh.

Arguments heard. Record perused. This case U/s 304-B read with section 34 IPC has been registered on the basis of statement of complainant Jagtar Singh to the effect that his daughter Jaspreet Kaur was married with accused Balwinder @ Binder on 08.11.2020. But, after the marriage her inlaws started harassing her in connection with demand of dowry. Entire household work was being got gone from her. They remained treating her as servant. On 01.06.2022 at 7/8:00 PM, she and her husband made a phone call as they were quarreling. Her husband stated that in case she consumes something and dies he shall not be responsible. On 02.06.2022 Jaspreet Kaur due to harassment by her husband Balwinder @ Binder, mother in law Sheela and sister in law Neeraj and Jethani Aman, consumed some poisonous substance. Her husband Balwinder @ Binder made a phone call at 4:30 PM informing the complainant to reach Civil Hospital, Garhshankar, at 5:00 PM as his daughter was unconscious and she is under treatment. Jaspreet Kaur was died on 02.06.2022 at 7:15 PM. She died due to harassment by her husband Balwinder @ Binder, mother in law Sheela, sister in law Neeraj and Jethani Aman.

On the basis of above said statement of complainant, formal FIR was registered. Investigation of the case is being conducted.

Through the present application, the bail applicant/accused has sought pre-arrest bail on the grounds that false allegations have been levelled against her ; nothing is to be recovered from her and she is ready to join investigation. All these allegations have been denied by the respondent State.

Perusal of police record reveals that allegations against the bail applicant/accused are grave and serious in nature as she being mother in law of the deceased subjected the deceased to cruelty in connection with demand of dowry alongwith husband, Jethani and sister in law of the deceased. As per

allegations of the complainant, the deceased died under unnatural circumstances within seven years of marriage and soon before the death, she was subjected to cruelty in connection with demand of dowry. So, keeping in view the seriousness and gravity of the offence, no ground is made out to extend her the benefit of pre-arrest bail. Therefore, application for grant of pre-arrest bail to bail applicant/accused is dismissed. Bail papers be consigned to the record room. Police record be returned.

Pronounced in open court
Dated: 22.07.2022

Rakesh Kumar, JW

(Dilbagh Singh Johal)
Additional Sessions Judge,
Hoshiarpur
(UID No.PB0069)

