

**HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT JAMMU**

WP(Crl) No. 90/2023
CrlM Nos. 1546/2023 &
1547/2023

Paul Singh and others

.....Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. Sumant Sudan, Advocate

Vs

State of Haryana and others

..... Respondent(s)

Through:

Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY DHAR, JUDGE

ORDER

1. The petitioners have challenged FIR No. 177 of 2023 for offences under Sections 323, 354-A, 406, 498-A and 506 IPC registered with Police Station, Jagaddhri Sadar, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana.
2. Petitioner Nos. 1 and 2 happen to be parents-in-law of respondent No. 3, whereas petitioner No. 3 happens to be her brother-in-law, petitioner No. 4 happens to be wife of the brother-in-law and petitioner No. 5 happens to be sister-in-law of the complainant/respondent No. 3.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the death of the husband of respondent No. 3 has taken place way back in the year 2018 and the said respondent has left the matrimonial home, as per her own case in the month of October, 2018. It is submitted that all the alleged acts of cruelty as per the case of respondent No. 3, have taken place within territorial jurisdiction of this Court, as such, this Court does have jurisdiction to entertain this petition. Learned counsel for the petitioners has contended that the alleged acts have taken place prior to October,

2018 and respondent No. 3 has lodged the impugned FIR after about 05 years without there being any whisper in the impugned FIR, explaining the reasons for delay. It is contended that the Police has, without even conducting any preliminary enquiry, registered the FIR.

4. Issue notice to the respondents, subject to petitioners' taking necessary steps within a week's time.
5. List on 03.11.2023.
6. In the meanwhile, till next date of hearing before the Bench, investigation in the impugned FIR shall remain stayed.

(SANJAY DHAR)
JUDGE

Jammu
15.09.2023
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