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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL No. 111 of 2001@@

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(Arising out of S.L.P. (Crl.) 4085 of 2000)

Shakuntala Devi ..Appellant

Vs.

State of Bihar ..Respondent

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Service complete.
Leave granted.

Petitioner is a lady. She is sister-in-law of the deceased Anju Verma who died under circumstances which are not normal. Allegations have been made against appellant's husband and the other members of husband's family for the offence under Section 304B of the Indian Penal Code. When the appellant moved for pre-arrest bail the same was denied by the impugned order.

We do not see any valid reason for not exercising the discretion in favour of the appellant in the matter of pre-arrest bail in this case. We, therefore, order that the appellant, if arrested, shall be released on bail on her executing a bond with two solvent sureties to the satisfaction ..2/-

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of the arresting officer. We impose a further condition that she shall be present for interrogation when so required by the investigating officer.

This appeal is disposed of accordingly.

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(Signed order is placed on the file)