

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.622 OF 2020
(@ out of SLP (Cr1.) No. 3514/2020**

PRATIMA DIXIT @ PAPPI

Appellant

VERSUS

STATE OF NCT OF DELHI

Respondent(s)

with

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.623 OF 2020
(@ out of SLP (Cr1.) No. 3681/2020**

O R D E R

Leave granted.

These appeals arise from the judgment and order dated 10.07.2020 passed by the High Court of Delhi at New Delhi in Bail Application No.1332/2020.

The appellant in appeal arising out of SLP (Cr1.) No. 3514/2020 is mother-in-law while the appellant in appeal arising out of SLP (Cr1.) No. 3681/2020 is father-in-law of the deceased.

The appellants along with their son Ankit Dixit are alleged to have committed offence punishable under Sections 498A, 304B, 306 read with Section 34 IPC, as stated in FIR No.112 dated 11.05.2020 registered with Mansarovar Park, Shahdara, Delhi.

The applications preferred by the appellants under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking Anticipatory Bail having

been rejected, the present appeals are preferred.

While issuing notices, the appellants were afforded interim protection. Thereafter by Order dated 14.09.2020, the appellants were directed to appear before the Investigating Officer at 11.00 A.M. on 15.09.2020 and they were also directed to appear before him during 11.00AM to 5.00PM on next three days.

The order so passed by this Court has been complied with.

The order had also directed that the out-come of the interrogation be placed before this Court in a sealed cover. No report has, however, been placed before this Court.

Mr. S.V. Raju, learned Additional Solicitor General appearing for State fairly pointed out that nothing substantial could be extracted from the interrogation of the appellants and as such no Status Report was filed.

We have gone through the contents of the FIR and considered the allegations and the fact that the appellants are parents-in-law of the deceased. In our view, the appellants are entitled to the benefit of Anticipatory Bail.

We, therefore, direct that in case the appellants are arrested in connection with the aforesaid FIR, the arresting Officer shall release the appellants on furnishing of cash security in the sum of Rs.25,000/- for each of the appellants with two like sureties.

The benefit granted under this order shall continue till the filing of Charge-sheet, if any, whereafter, the entire matter shall be considered by the Trial Court.

It is made clear that the appellants shall render complete cooperation in the ensuing investigation and shall not in any way try or attempt to subvert the process of investigation or try to influence any of the witnesses. Any infraction on that count may entail in cancellation of the benefit conferred by the instant order.

The appeals are allowed accordingly.

.....J.
(UDAY UMESH LALIT)

.....J.
(VINEET SARAN)

.....J.
(AJAY RASTOGI)

New Delhi,
September 22, 2020.

ITEM NO.6 Court 4 (Video Conferencing) SECTION II-C

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (CrI.) No(s). 3514/2020

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 10-07-2020 in BA No. 1332/2020 passed by the High Court Of Delhi At New Delhi)

PRATIMA DIXIT @ PAPPI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF NCT OF DELHI

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.71469/2020-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No.71471/2020-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. and IA No.71473/2020-PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

WITH

SLP(CrI) No. 3681/2020 (II-C)

(IA No. 76010/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 76011/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 22-09-2020 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UDAY UMESH LALIT

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINEET SARAN

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY RASTOGI

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Leave granted.

The appeals are allowed in terms of the signed order.

Pending applications, if any, shall stand disposed of.

(INDU MARWAH)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(PRADEEP KUMAR)
BRANCH OFFICER

(SIGNED ORDER IS PLACED ON THE FILE)