

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH**

**Criminal Misc. No. M-20041 of 2015  
Date of Decision:-03.7.2015**

Sureshta Gandhi

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA**

1. *Whether reporters of local newspapers may be allowed to see judgment?*
2. *To be referred to reporters or not?*
3. *Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

Present:- Mr. A.S. Kalra, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurinderjit Singh, Deputy A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Rahul Rathore, Advocate  
for the complainant.

**HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)**

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 93 dated 19.5.2015, under Section 306 IPC, registered at Police Station Rupnagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is a widow of 65 years of age and no suicide note was left by the deceased, who was married to Vikas Gandhi in the year 2005. This Court while granting interim bail to the petitioner vide order dated 18.6.2015 has further directed the petitioner to join the investigation.

At this stage, Mr. Rahul Rathore, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of complainant and has strongly opposed the bail application. He submits that the FSL report is yet to come, which will provide the real cause of death of the deceased. He further submits that even statement made under Section 161 Cr.P.C., the father of the deceased has given complete details of harassment met by the deceased.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Trilochan Singh states that pursuant to the order dated 18.6.2015 petitioner has joined the investigation but she has not disclosed the whereabouts of her son.

I have heard the contentions of learned counsel for the parties.

Admittedly, the petitioner is a widow of 65 years of age and the marriage of the deceased took place sometime in the year 2005. There is no allegation of concerted effort on the petitioner, which led the deceased to commit suicide. The petitioner has been booked for an offence under Section 306 IPC.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and interim directions issued by this Court vide order dated 18.6.2015 are made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall continue to join investigation as and when required to do so and shall abide by the terms and conditions, as laid down under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

It is made clear that any expression made herein above shall

not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case and the trial Court shall decide the case on the basis of available evidence.

July 03, 2015  
***Vijay Asija***

**( HARI PAL VERMA )**  
**JUDGE**