

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

**CRM-M No.12546 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 01.06.2016**

Baldev Singh

..... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Ms. Anamika Mehra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mz. Rimplejeet Kaur, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State assisted by SI Paramjit Singh.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Prayer is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner-Baldev Singh in case FIR No.76 dated 25.07.2015 for the offences punishable under Sections 302/34 of the Indian Penal Code, registered with Police Station Chamkaur Sahib.

Complainant Sukhwinder Singh is the *Saadu* of the co-accused Surjit Singh and the petitioner-accused is the son of said Surjit Singh and cousin of deceased Arvinder Singh qua whose death by drowning the complainant has lodged the aforesaid FIR levelling allegations against the two father-son duo.

On 01.06.2015, Arvinder Singh was accompanying the petitioner-accused on a motor-cycle and were going to Mohali. When on the day they stopped near the river-Dugri, the said Arvinder slipped and his death was caused of drowning. His body was recovered on 7.6.2015 at about 11.50 am and a DDR No.12A was registered regarding his drowning in the river. The Bhog ceremony was conducted on 14.6.2015 and for the first time, the allegations against the petitioner and his co-accused father Surjit Singh were levelled by filing of complaint on 20.06.2015 before the police resulting into the lodging of the aforesaid FIR on 25.07.2015 for causing the death of Arvinder Singh.

It was contended that a thorough enquiry was conducted by high ranking official ACP, Shri Chamkaur Sahib and as per his report dated 1.8.2015, after recording the statement of all the alleged witnesses, the petitioner and his co-accused father Surjit were found innocent. It was next contended that the co-accused Surjit Singh has since been granted anticipatory bail by this Court.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is no longer required.

Learned State Counsel, assisted by SI Paramjit Singh, agrees that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is no longer required.

In view of the above, interim protection/pre-arrest bail granted by this Court, vide order dated 12.04.2016, is made absolute.

Disposed of.

June 01, 2016

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**