

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

**CRM-M-24993-2016
Date of decision: 10.08.2016**

Kuldeep Kaur

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI

Present: Mr. B.S. Jatana, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Manpreet Dhaliwal, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Supriya Garg, Advocate,
for the complainant.

Ritu Bahri, J.

This petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.68 dated 21.06.2016, under Section 304-B IPC, registered at Police Station, Sadar Mansa, District Mansa.

As per allegations in the FIR, Manpreet Kaur, sister of Baljeet Singh-complainant, was married to Harmanpreet Singh (son of present petitioner) about 1½ years ago. On the next date, marriage of complainant was solemnized with Jaswinder Kaur and his in-laws had gifted him a Swift car in the marriage. After the marriage of Baljeet Singh-complainant, the in-laws of the deceased-Manpreet Kaur started harassing her on the pretext of bringing less dowry in comparison to the gifts given to her brother (complainant). This information was shared by the deceased with the complainant and finally, on 20.06.2016, she consumed poison. At that stage, her husband, who was working in the Army, was also present at

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Hardev Singh, has informed that as per the statement given by the doctor, the complainant had taken his sister (deceased) to the hospital. The deceased was staying with her mother-in-law (petitioner) at Mansa. Her father-in-law was posted in Jagadhari.

From the above fact, it transpires that the deceased was staying alone with her mother-in-law in the matrimonial house and her husband, who was working in the Army, used to visit her. Specific allegations in the FIR (Annexure P-1) are that after the marriage of brother of the deceased, her in-laws started harassing her on account of the fact that her brother had got a swift car in his marriage. The judgment passed by Hon'ble the Supreme Court in Major Singh and another Vs. State of Punjab, 2015 (5) SCC 201, which has been referred by learned counsel for the petitioner, was a case where demand of scooter was made and the conviction of father and mother-in-law was set aside, as the demand of scooter could only be attributed to the husband. However, in the facts of the present case, the deceased was staying alone with the petitioner (mother-in-law) and the marriage had been solemnized on 02.12.2014. Therefore, the ratio of the aforesaid judgment is not applicable to the facts of the present case.

In view of the above discussion and the fact that specific allegation has been levelled against the present petitioner, no ground is made out to extend the benefit of anticipatory bail to her.

Dismissed.

10.08.2016
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(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No