

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

CRM-M-28808-2019
Decided on : 10.07.2019

Gurshinder Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. M.S.Basra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J.

The instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.PC for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.145 dated 09.12.2018 registered under Sections 302, 201, 120-B IPC and 25/27 of Arms Act at Police Station Dera Baba Nanak, District Gurdaspur.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that there is a delay of five days in lodging the instant FIR. It is further contended that in fact the deceased Jasmeet Kaur had died a natural death on account of heart attack and after her parents had been informed, they too had attended the cremation of the deceased. It is also contended that no inquest proceedings were carried out and no postmortem was conducted on the deceased.

3. However, as per the FIR, which was lodged on the statement of Swinder Singh, real uncle of the deceased, there are allegations against the petitioner that there was some dispute between the deceased wife and the petitioner on account of his illicit relations with another woman. It has also been mentioned in the FIR that a day prior to the occurrence in hand, the deceased had called up her family members to inform them that the

petitioner had been quarreling with her. On the subsequent day, when the complainant along with his family members reached the village of the petitioner, they learnt that the deceased had been shot dead and her dead body had been taken to the cremation ground for performing the last rites. On reaching the cremation ground, the petitioner and his family cremated the deceased despite opposition from the complainant party.

4. After hearing learned counsel for the petitioner and keeping in view the fact that the investigation is still at the initial stage and the allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature, this Court is of the view that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner would be required and thus, he is not entitled to the concession of anticipatory bail.

5. Accordingly, the present petition stands dismissed.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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