

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

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**CRM-M-7081-2022
Date of decision: 21.02.2022**

Gurtaj Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Rishabh Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.143 dated 12.12.2021 under Sections 304-B and 34 IPC, registered at Police Station Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that totally false and fabricated allegations have been levelled against the petitioner of subjecting his deceased wife to mental and physical harassment for not acceding to his demand of car. Learned counsel submits that his wife consumed poison as she was under continuous stress due to a matrimonial discord between her brother and his wife. Learned counsel still further submits that there was a delay of 03 days in lodging of the FIR by the complainant as the occurrence in question took place on 09.12.2021 and the FIR was lodged only after the death of the deceased on 12.12.2021. Learned counsel submits that had there been any grain of truth in the allegations levelled, the parents of the deceased would not have kept quiet for three days in reporting the matter to the police. Learned counsel has also submitted that prior to the occurrence in question, no complaint had ever been made by his

deceased wife or even the complainant qua the alleged harassment and the deceased not leaving behind any suicide note further lent credence to his innocence.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the material on record.

A perusal of the FIR reveals that there are specific allegations levelled against the petitioner of harassing his deceased wife who admittedly died an unnatural death within one and half years of marriage, for not fulfilling his demand for a car.

The other submission made by learned counsel qua the alleged delay in the lodging of the FIR would be a matter to be appreciated during trial and this Court would refrain from commenting upon the same. This Court is, thus, not inclined to extend the extraordinary concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Dismissed.

21.02.2022

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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