

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

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**CRM-M-23836-2021  
Decided on : 11.01.2022**

Bagga Singh

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent(s)

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL**

**(Through Video Conferencing)**

PRESENT: Ms. Harpreet Kaur Maini, Advocate  
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Rehatbir Singh Mann, DAG, Punjab.

Ms. Dhivya Jerath, Advocate  
for the complainant.

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**MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)**

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 36, dated 02.03.2021, under Section 346 of IPC (later on added Section 306 of IPC), registered at Police Station City Sangrur (annexed as Annexure P-1).

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that from the material on record, there was nothing to even remotely suggest that the petitioner could have in any way abetted the suicide of deceased. Learned counsel further submits that initially the FIR in question was registered under Section 346 of IPC on 02.03.2021, at the instance of the father of the deceased, wherein, he raised a suspicion *qua* the petitioner's involvement in the disappearance of his daughter on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. However, on the following day, when the dead body of the deceased was recovered, the complainant's wife suffered a statement to the police to the effect that her deceased daughter did not wish to marry the petitioner, but since the

petitioner was pressurizing her to marry him, she had committed suicide. Learned counsel, therefore, submits that a perusal of the contents of the FIR in question and the other material on the basis of which, he has been challaned, does not even remotely attract the mischief of the ingredients of offence under Section 306 of IPC against the petitioner. A prayer has been made to extend the the concession of bail to the petitioner, as he has been in custody since 06.03.2021 and there is no likelihood of the trial concluding in the near future.

Learned State counsel assisted by the learned counsel for the complainant, while opposing the prayer made by the counsel opposite, submits that there are serious allegations levelled against the petitioner of subjecting the deceased to harassment by pressurizing her to marry him and as such he does not deserve the concession of bail.

Heard and perused the material on record.

In the facts and circumstances, as enumerated hereinabove, this Court deems it fit to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner during the trial. The petition is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of the concerned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, it is made clear that any observation made herein shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)**  
**JUDGE**

**January 11, 2022**

*J.Ram*

*Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No*  
*Whether Reportable: Yes/No*