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

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Date of decision: 09.12.2022

Nikhil Goyal

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Chetan Bansal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Through this petition, the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.489 dated 04.12.2022, registered at Police Station City Ferozepur, District Ferozepur, under Section 306 IPC.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner had not solemnized any marriage with Bhavna, but since February, 2021, he had been living with her in a live-in-relationship, and that as per the prosecution version, the husband of the complainant, namely Chander Shekhar Sharma, who was a practising lawyer in the District Court, Ferozepur, committed suicide and his dead body was found from Sulaimanki Head, Suratgarh, District Ganganagar.

Learned counsel further contends that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in the present case, and that the petitioner had no role to play in the alleged occurrence. He further contends that Bhavna was well aware about the pendency of matrimonial case between the petitioner and

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his wife-Ruchika, and that it was Bhavna, who started threatening him to marry her otherwise he would be implicated in a false case.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of this Court, Mr. Harkanwar Jeet Singh, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

At this stage, Mr. C.M.Munjal, Mr. Vikram Satpal Anand, Mr. Piyush Sharma, Ms. Seema, Mr. Rajesh Kapila and Mr. Sushant Gupta, Advocates, put in appearance on behalf of the complainant.

Learned State counsel and learned counsel for the complainant submit that the petitioner solemnized marriage with Bhavna on the false pretext that he had already taken divorce from his earlier wife and he had no child born out of the said wedlock. In fact, he had not taken divorce from his earlier wife and one child, now aged about 07-year, was born out of the said wedlock. It is also submitted that the petitioner and the co-accused started harassing and maltreating Bhavna on account of dowry demand and that owing to the harassment caused to Bhavna, her brother had committed suicide.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

There are serious allegations against the petitioner that he solemnized marriage with Bhavna on the false pretext that he had taken divorce from her earlier wife and had no child born out of the said wedlock. As per the allegations, the petitioner used to harass and maltreat Bhavna and owing to the same, her brother had committed suicide.

Keeping in view the nature and gravity of the offence, this Court finds that the petitioner is required for custodial interrogation.

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Therefore, finding no merit in the present petition, the same is dismissed.

09.12.2022
parveen kumar

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No