

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

CRM-M-12282-2023

Date of decision: 08.05.2023

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...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANR.

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Present: Mr. Jasmine Kaur, Advocate for
Mr. Dilpreet Singh Gandhi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, DAG, Punjab.

VIVEK PURI,J. (ORAL)

1. On 13.03.2023, the following order was passed:-

“The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in the case bearing FIR No. 156 dated 26.12.2022 under Section 306 IPC registered at Police Station Division-D, District Police Commissionerate, Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that precisely the allegations against the petitioner are to the effect that the deceased had borrowed a sum of Rs.60/70,000/-from the petitioner and was being harassed for return of the money. Consequently, the deceased had committed suicide by hanging himself. It has been further submitted that the petitioner is polio effected and is suffering from 80% permanent disability. There is nothing to indicate that at any point of time, the deceased had submitted any complaint or recorded suicide note indicating any instigation on the part of the petitioner. Furthermore, merely asking for the return of the money that was borrowed by the deceased cannot be termed to be a circumstance which may constitute abetment to commit suicide.

Notice of motion.

Mr. M.S.Nagra, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State. Mr. Vikas Gupta, Advocate, has put appearance on behalf of respondent No.2.

Adjourned to 08.05.2023.

In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join investigation and in the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 438 (2) of Code of Criminal Procedure.”

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- 2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has joined the investigation in pursuance of interim directions.
- 3. On instructions from ASI Kulbir Kumar, learned State counsel has not disputed the aforesaid factual aspects and also submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.
- 4. In view of the aforesaid submissions, the order dated 13.03.2023, granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.
- 5. The petition is allowed.

08.05.2023
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(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

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