



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

CRM-M-46060-2024

Date of decision: 06.11.2024

Balram Sharma @ Bali

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Suvir Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. J.S. Dhaliwal, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Divyansh Vats, Advocate for
Mr. H.S. Batth, Advocate for the complainant.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in criminal case having FIR No.71 dated 24.08.2024 registered under Sections 108 of BNS 2023, at Police Station Ghanaur, District Patiala.
2. The allegations in nutshell are that deceased Surinder Singh had earlier taken loan from petitioner and later on, it was repaid. That despite this the petitioner was unnecessarily demanding more money from the deceased and compelled the deceased to end his life by committing suicide and before doing so, the deceased left behind suicide note wherein he blamed the petitioner and three other persons for his plight. The complainant in this case is Gurpreet Singh son of the deceased.
3. On the last date of hearing, detailed order was passed whereby the petitioner was granted interim bail with direction to join the investigation with the police.
4. Today, the counsel for the petitioner apprised the Court that by virtue of the aforesaid order, the petitioner has already joined investigation.
5. The State counsel on instructions from SI Sahab Singh has not



refuted the aforesaid assertions made by counsel for the petitioner and further submits that the report of FSL with regard to hand writing and signature appearing on the suicide note, is still awaited and that the petitioner who has joined the investigation is not required by the police for any further investigation or custodial interrogation.

6. The present petition is resisted by the counsel for the complainant who submits that petitioner and three other accused persons are responsible for death of Surinder Singh who committed suicide on 23.08.2024. That this fact is established from the perusal of the suicide note left by the deceased before ending his life.

7. Undoubtedly, no complaint with regard to his persistent harassment by the petitioner, was lodged with the police or any other government authority by the deceased prior to the present incident. It is a matter of evidence as to whether there was any intention on the part of the petitioner to drive the deceased to end his life by committing suicide. Further, the report of FSL with regard to examination of hand writing and signatures of the deceased appearing on the suicide note, is still awaited. Furthermore, nothing remains to be recovered in the present case and petitioner who has already joined the investigation is not required for any further investigation by the police.

8. In light of the above, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and order of interim bail dated 16.09.2024 is made absolute. The petitioner is to abide by the conditions as are provide under Section 482 (2) BNSS, 2023.

06.11.2024

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(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:-
Whether reportable:-

Yes/No
Yes/No