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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

1. CRM-M-2489-2025

RaviPetitioner

versus

State of Punjab Respondent

2. CRM-M-50274-2025

Ganga Ram @ Pardeep ChandPetitioner

versus

State of Punjab Respondent

3. CRM-M-54127-2025

Chanchal @ BabbiPetitioner

versus

State of Punjab Respondent

Date of decision : 05.12.2025

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Yashpal Thakur, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-2489-2025.

Mr. Sahil Garg, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-50274-2025.

Mr. Rampal Kaushik, Advocate and
Mr. Rahul Singla, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-54127-2025.



Ms. Ramta Chowdhary, D.A.G., Punjab.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. By way of this common order, this Court intend to dispose of abovesaid three petitions as they have arisen out of the same FIR.
2. Petitioners have approached this Court by way of present petitions praying for granting them regular bail in case FIR No.154 dated 05.11.2023, under Sections 304 IPC, registered at Police Station Koatwali Nabha, Patiala.
3. As per the facts of the case, the FIR was lodged on the statement of complainant, namely, Nirmla Rani. It was alleged that she was married with Manoj Kumar (deceased) about 12 years ago. On 17.02.2022, her husband did not return home in the evening and she called him about 08:00 pm. He informed her that he was with his friends, namely, Babbi, Ravi, Patwari and Ganga Ram. Though he did not return in the night, however, on the next day at about 11:00 am her brother-in-law Vikram received a call from Ganga Ram who told him that his brother Manoj is lying unconscious at Patwari's house. Immediately, they reached there and found Manoj was lying unconscious. He was shifted to the Government Hospital, Nabha, where, he was declared dead. It was alleged that all his friends in conspiracy with each other had administered poison to her husband and thus, the request was made to take the legal action against the culprits. On registration of FIR, investigation commenced. Postmortem of dead body was conducted. Petitioners, namely, Ravi and Ganga Ram @ Pardeep Chand were arrested on 16.01.2024 and petitioner-Chanchal @ Babbi was arrested on 03.01.2024. On completion of investigation, challan was filed and on framing of charges, trial



commenced. The petitioners approached learned Additional Sessions Judge, Patiala, praying for grant of bail, however, finding no merit, their applications were declined after hearing both the sides by Learned trial Court vide orders dated 11.03.2024, 21.05.2024 and 07.11.2024, respectively. Aggrieved by the same, petitioners are before this Court praying for grant of bail by way of filing of present petitions.

4. Learned counsels for the petitioners have contended that the petitioners have been roped in the present case on the basis of presumptions and assumptions. It is submitted that the deceased was a drug addict and as per the postmortem report, it has been affirmed that the cause of death was the over dose of 'Aluminum Phosphate'. It is submitted that from the postmortem report it has been affirmed that deceased suffered no injuries thus, the allegation of administering the poison to the deceased forcibly, is totally ruled out. It is submitted that petitioners are behind bars since the date of their arrest and they have no criminal antecedents. They submit that the material witnesses i.e. wife and brother of the deceased, have already been examined. It is thus, submitted that in the overall facts and circumstances, the petitioners deserve to be granted bail.

5. Separate status reports by way of affidavit of Mr. Gurinder Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Nabha, District Patiala, have been filed on behalf of respondents-State, in the Court today, same are taken on record.

6. Learned State counsel has opposed the submissions made by the counsel for the petitioners and submits that it was established during investigation that deceased was in the company of the petitioners



immediately before his death. She submits that as per the postmortem report, the cause of the death was due to consumption of 'Aluminum phosphate' and the same was administered by the petitioners. She, on instructions, has submitted that out of total 18 prosecution witnesses, 03 witnesses have been examined. She has produced the custody certificates of the petitioners on record.

7. On hearing counsel for the parties and perusing the record, it is deciphered that as per the postmortem report, the cause of death was the over dose of 'Aluminum Phosphate'. The petitioners are behind bars since the date of their arrest. The wife and brother of the complainant, have been examined before the trial Court. As per custody certificate, petitioners-Ravi and Ganga Ram have suffered an incarceration of 01 year, 10 months and 15 days as on 03.12.2025 and petitioner-Chanchal has suffered an incarceration of 01 year, 10 months and 28 days 03.12.2025. It further reflects that the petitioners are not involved in any other case. Out of total 18 prosecution witnesses, only 03 witnesses have been examined.

8. The veracity of the allegations would be assessed only after the conclusion of the trial and on the appreciation of evidence to be led by both the parties before the trial Court.

9. This Court would refrain itself from commenting anything on the merits of the case. Thus, keeping in view the overall facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is of the opinion that learned counsel for the petitioners succeed in making out a case for grant of regular bail. Accordingly, all the petitions are allowed. Petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of

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the concerned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate. Nothing said herein shall be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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