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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision:- 25.04.2025

Mandeep Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Parminder Singh Sekhon, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Japjot Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Munish Garg, Advocate
for the complainant.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.(Oral)

Status report filed by respondent-State is taken on record, subject to all just exceptions. Copy thereof supplied to learned counsel for petitioner.

Mr. Munish Garg, Advocate appeared and filed Vakalatnama on behalf of complainant, which is taken on record.

MAIN CASE

1. Petitioner – Mandeep Singh has filed petition under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. (Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023) for grant of regular bail in FIR No. 88 dated 01.03.2023 under Section 306, 34 and 120-B of IPC registered at Police Station City Barnala, District Barnala.



2. Facts of the case are Deepak Kumar gave his statement that his sister Sneha @ Alka Rani was engaged with Mandeep Singh. Ring Ceremony took place on 08.03.2022. At the time of Ring Ceremony, an agreement was executed by Mandeep Singh that he would receive Rs. 17 lacs and after marriage he would take his sister to Canada. Mandeep Singh neither got married with his sister nor took her abroad. He went to Canada on Study Visa. Thereafter, he stopped talking to his sister. Father of Mandeep Singh was consulted but he did not give any proper reply. It was mentioned in agreement that in case his sister was not taken abroad they would return Rs. 17 lacs with interest. On 28.02.2023, summons were received in a case filed by Diljan Singh. His sister received summons. Thereafter, she was under depression. At about 06:30 PM, his sister started vomiting. She was taken to Civil Hospital from where she was referred to a hospital in Patiala. She was taken to Rajindra Hospital, Patiala in an Ambulance. During treatment, Sneha @ Alka Rani expired. His sister was threatened by Diljan Singh and his family members and because of this reason, she committed suicide by consuming poison.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner pointed out that Mandeep Singh was arrested on 18.01.2025 and since then he is behind the bars. Allegations levelled against petitioner are false. No offence under Section 306 of IPC is made out. At the time of alleged occurrence, he was not present in India. It is claimed that summons were received by victim sent by his father Diljan Singh. Diljan Singh has been granted anticipatory bail in CRM-M-39542 of 2023 vide order dated 29.01.2024 (Annexure P-2). Co-accused Navneet Kaur is also granted anticipatory bail in CRM-M-



15869 of 2023 vide order dated 04.03.2024 (Annexure P-3). Regular bail application of present petitioner has been wrongly declined by learned Sessions Judge, Barnala vide order dated 05.02.2025 (Annexure P-4). Petitioner is ready to abide by terms of bail order. Therefore, his regular bail petition may be allowed.

4. Status report has been filed confirming the facts detailed in FIR. It is a case of unnatural death. Postmortem was conducted on 01.03.2023 and on the basis of report of Chemical Examiner Laboratory, cause of death in this case was Zinc Phosphide poisoning. It is further explained that victim had written suicide note which was sent for handwriting analysis to Forensic Science Laboratory. Report is also annexed with status report confirming handwriting of deceased victim. Learned counsel representing complainant has also produced photocopy of suicide note which is taken on record for perusal. Present petitioner is also named in said suicide note. It is submitted that there are serious allegations. Therefore, petitioner is not entitled to be released on regular bail.

5. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record carefully. In the case in hand, present petitioner is attributed specific role and as referred above, he is also named in said suicide note. Challan in this case has been presented on 11.03.2025 and case is pending for consideration on framing of chargesheet. It is a case of unnatural death due to poisoning. Version of complainant is also supported with alleged suicide note. Trial in this case is at initial stage. Therefore, considering the aforesaid factual position, regular bail petition filed by petitioner Mandeep Singh is accordingly, dismissed.

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6. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

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(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

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