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

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Date of Decision:- 17.07.2025

Jyoti Rani

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:-HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Brijeshwar Singh Bhalla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. K.S. Brar, Advocate
for the complainant.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.(Oral)

1. Petitioner – Jyoti Rani has filed petition under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail in FIR No. 26 dated 22.01.2025 under Section 108, 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 registered at Police Station City Faridkot, District Faridkot.
2. Facts of the case are, complainant Anita gave her statement that she is doing work as domestic helper. She is mother of two sons and a daughter. She performed marriage of her daughter Anjali age about 22 years, but that marriage could not survive and it ended in divorce. Out of this wedlock, her daughter was having a son age about 4-5 years. She re-married with Rakesh Kumar and out of this wedlock, she gave birth to twin

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daughters, age about one and a half months. Her daughter disclosed about harassment faced by her in matrimonial home. She (victim) called her and disclosed regarding maltreatment and that she was not given food to eat. She had sent friend of her son namely Manjit Singh to deliver food to her daughter. At about 01:30 pm, she went to her daughter's matrimonial home to meet her. Members of in-laws family namely Surjit Singh and Usha Rani started abusing her. Manjit Singh and she herself tried to go upstairs and they put a lock on the way. On alarm raised by her, her daughter called police. She remained in contact with her daughter on phone. She told her to return to parental home. In the meantime, she received information from police that her daughter has hanged herself and ended her life. Complainant alleged that victim was constantly subjected to physical and mental harassment by her husband Rakesh Kumar alias Jassi, father-in-law Surjit Singh and sister-in-law Usha Rani. With these allegations, present FIR has been registered.

3. Learned counsel representing petitioner argued that initially she was not named in FIR. Jyoti Rani is a married girl having a small daughter. Her marriage was performed in the year 2020 and she was residing in her matrimonial home. She had no role to play in this unfortunate occurrence. She was named subsequently in supplementary statement. Petitioner Jyoti Rani was arrested in this case on 23.01.2025. She is ready to abide by the terms of bail order.

4. Bail petition is opposed by learned counsel for complainant as well as State counsel. Learned State counsel pointed out that after completion of investigation, challan has been presented and charges are yet to be framed. Occurrence took place in matrimonial home. It is a case of

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unnatural death within two years of marriage. Victim has left behind twin daughters who are being looked after by maternal grandparents. Other co-accused i.e. husband of victim and mother-in-law of victim are yet to be arrested. Therefore, bail petition filed by petitioner deserves dismissal.

5. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record carefully. Present petitioner is married daughter of co-accused Usha Rani. Prior to marriage of victim, petitioner was already married, living in her matrimonial home. She is also mother of a girl child. She was arrested on 23.01.2025. She has already joined investigation. No purpose would be served by keeping her behind the bars. Role of present petitioner in commission of said offence is matter of trial. Therefore, without going into the merits of case, regular bail petition filed by petitioner – Jyoti Rani is allowed. She is ordered to be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Judge concerned.

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

17.07.2025

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JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No