

2025.PHHC:031714



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

SR. No.103

CRM-M-12561-2025

Date of decision:06.03.2025

Gaurika Nagpal

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.S. SHEKHAWAT

Present: Mr. Parunjeet Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

N.S. SHEKHAWAT, J.

1. Petitioner prays for grant of pre-arrest bail in FIR No.19 dated 08.02.2025, registered under Section 108 of BNS at Police Station Jodhewal, District Ludhiana.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is a young girl aged about 16 years and is a student of 10th standard. Even her final examinations for 10th class have already commenced w.e.f. 15/02/2025. Learned counsel next submits that the present petitioner had neither instigated nor abetted the suicide of Arpan Sharma and the ingredients of Section 108 of BNS are completely missing in the peculiar facts and circumstances of the present case. Even the petitioner is sought to be implicated on the basis of a screen shot of an Instagram chat between the petitioner and the deceased, which was allegedly collected by the

complainant. He further submits that the petitioner is ready to hand over her mobile phone to the police during the course of investigation.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of Court, Mr. M.S. Bajwa, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State, while Mr. Ram Bilas Gupta, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of complainant and filed Vakalatnama, which is taken on record.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the case file.

6. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is granted concession of anticipatory bail, subject to the conditions as provided 482 (2) of BNSS, 2023. It will be open for the investigating officer to call the petitioner to join the investigation, if so required, by issuing a written notice in this regard and she shall abide by the conditions mentioned in Section 482(2) of BNSS.

(N.S. SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

06.03.2025
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES / NO
Whether Reportable: YES / NO