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

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Date of Decision:- 25.07.2025

Pankaj Kumar Singh

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Sukhdeep Singh Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Amrit Kaur Mahir, AAG, Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.(Oral)

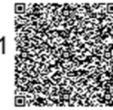
1. Petitioner Pankaj Kumar Singh has filed petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 346 dated 11.12.2024 under Section 108 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 registered at Police Station Sohana, District SAS Nagar (Annexure P-1).

2. Facts of the case are complainant Biresh Singh gave his statement that his elder daughter Prity Singh got married with Pankaj on 20.02.2014. She is having a daughter aged about 7 years and a son about 4 years. Her daughter used to tell him about the quarrels with her husband and in-laws' family. After the marriage of her brother-in-law Kamal Singh, husband of her daughter and in-laws' family started taunting and harassing her daughter for bringing less dowry. On the intervening night of 9/10.12.2024, his nephew Abhishek Singh received call from his daughter

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informing him about the quarrel which took place with her husband Pankaj. His nephew tried to talk with Pankaj, but he did not answer the call. On 10.12.2024, Abhishek informed him that he was called in the matrimonial home by Kamal Singh brother-in-law. Abhishek visited the matrimonial home and found that his daughter was lying dead on the bed and there was no jewellery on her body. Complainant came to know that his daughter hanged herself. He immediately came to Mohali. Dead body was lying in Civil Hospital, Phase-6, Mohali. His daughter ended her life due to the harassment and quarrels started by her husband Pankaj, brother-in-law Kamal Singh, mother-in-law Sheela Devi and sister-in-law Kajal Singh @ Sweeti.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner argued that allegations levelled against petitioner are false and without any basis. Petitioner got married with victim on 20.02.2014 having daughter and a son. They were living happily and alleged victim never filed any complaint against him or any member of family. There is reference to large number of photographs of couple alongwith family members (Annexure P-2). It is pointed out that victim was a religious lady. On the day of said occurrence, family thought that she was doing Pooja, therefore, nobody disturbed her. Later on, when victim did not open the door, same was opened and came to know about this unfortunate incident. Co-accused Kamal Kumar Singh and another and Kajal Singh alias Sweeti have been granted anticipatory bail by this Court vide CRM-M Nos. 3696 and 972 of 2025 respectively, vide common order dated 22.04.2025. Petitioner is ready to join investigation as and when required. Therefore, his anticipatory bail petition may be allowed.

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4. Bail petition is opposed by learned counsel representing State. As per status report, complainant-father of victim levelled allegations of harassment and torture to victim by her husband Pankaj Kumar Singh-petitioner and other members of in-laws family which led to this unfortunate incident. Petitioner is husband, therefore, main allegations are against him. It is a case of unnatural death in matrimonial home. Petitioner is required to join investigation. Therefore, he does not deserve concession of anticipatory bail.

5. I have considered the arguments advanced before me as well as the facts of case. Victim died unnatural death in matrimonial home on the intervening night of 09/10.12.2024. Contents of FIR indicate that quarrels and dispute had started after the marriage of Kamal Kumar Singh younger brother-in-law of deceased victim. It is claimed that victim was being harassed for bringing less dowry. It is a fact that occurrence took place in matrimonial home i.e. bedroom of deceased victim. Surprisingly, present petitioner who is husband has not given any satisfactory explanation why he was not there with victim. Complainant is father who obviously was not present at the time of said occurrence. True facts can be revealed by the petitioner himself. Therefore, his custodial interrogation is required. So far as anticipatory bails granted to other family members are concerned, same are on different footing.

6. In the light of aforesaid facts and circumstances, I do not find a fit case for grant of anticipatory bail to petitioner Pankaj Kumar Singh and present petition filed by him is, accordingly, dismissed.



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7. 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