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

CRM-M-14356-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision : 15.05.2025

Sonelal and others

..Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Vikas Kumar, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Neeraj Sheoran, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Aditya Jain, Advocate;

Mr. Rahul Vohra, Advocate;

Mr. Yatin Mehra, Advocate and

Mr. Rajat Singla, Advocate for the complainant.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition under Section 482 of the Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short, 'the B.N.S.S.') has been
filed for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners in FIR No.6 dated
05.01.2024, under Section 306 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal
Code, 1860 (for short 'IPC'), registered at Police Station Kheripul
Faridabad, District Faridabad.

(2) Allegations are that petitioners in furtherance of their
common intention had pressurized and instigated Keshav Verma, son



of *de facto* complainant to settle the matter and to pay Rs.5 lakh, due to which he committed suicide.

(3) Learned counsel contends that petitioners were granted interim bail by this Court, vide order dated 18.03.2025 and in pursuance thereof, they have already joined the investigation; hence, their custodial interrogation is not required.

(4) Learned State counsel, on instructions from the quarter concerned, acknowledged the above factual position, and submits that as on today, custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not required.

(5) On the other hand, learned counsel for the complainant vehemently opposed the prayer made by learned counsel for petitioner on the premise that petitioners have pressurized the son of the *de facto* complainant and as a result of which he committed suicide.

(6) Heard learned Counsel for the parties and perused the paper-book.

(7) It transpires that petitioners were granted interim bail by this Court, vide order dated 18.03.2025 and the order reads as under:-

“Learned counsel contends inter alia that there is no abetment or instigation on the part of the petitioners and moreover, there was an amicable settlement entered into between the parties on 03.01.2024.

Mr. Aditya Jain, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of the complainant and filed his Vakalatnama. The same is taken on record. Registry to tag the same at appropriate place.



Learned State counsel as well as complainant vehemently opposed the interim prayer on the premise that deceased was forced to enter into settlement by the police official namely ASI Neelam Yadav. However, on asking of this Court, neither learned State counsel, nor the complainant is able to show any material regarding the alleged attribution made against the police official.

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In the meanwhile, petitioners shall join investigation before the Investigating Officer, but they be not arrested till the next date of hearing.”

(8) It is duly acknowledged by learned State Counsel that in pursuance of the aforesaid order, petitioners have joined investigation and their custodial interrogation is not required.

(9) The objection raised by learned counsel for complainant is not accepted for the reason that State is not asking for custodial interrogation of the petitioners.

(10) In view of the above, there is no justification to deny the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners. Consequently, present petition is allowed; interim order dated 18.03.2025 is made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

(11) It is also made clear that petitioners shall fully co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when called for further investigation.



(12) The above observations be not construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case; rather confined only to decide the bail matter.

(13) It is also clarified that in case of any recurrence on the part of petitioners, State would be at liberty to move an appropriate application for recalling of this order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No