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

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Date of Decision:- 04.11.2025

SURJIT SINGH ALIAS SEETA

...Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr.Amit Gupta, Advocate with Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Advocate
for petitioner.
Ms. Amrit Kaur Mahir, AAG, Punjab.
Mr. Karandeep, Advocate for complainant.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

1. Petitioner Surjit Singh has filed petition under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail in FIR No.02 dated 02.01.2025, under Sections 74, 75(2), 76, 79 of BNS, 2023 registered at Police Station Amargarh, District Malerkotla (Annexure P-1).
2. As per facts of the case, complainant Kamalpreet Kaur filed written complaint that she came in contact with Arvinder Singh son of Surjit Singh in the year 2011. Thereafter, she got married with him on 04.02.2015. This marriage was performed against the wishes of his parents. After some time, at the instance of parents and elder sister of her husband, they started living with the parents of Arvinder Singh. In the year 2016, she gave birth to a daughter and sister of her husband Simardeep Kaur also got married in January, 2016. Unfortunately her husband Arvinder Singh expired in a road accident on 03.05.2022. At that time, she was 09 months pregnant. After



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about 20 days of the death of her husband, she gave birth to another daughter on 23.05.2022. Thereafter to look after her two daughters, she decided to stay in the matrimonial home. She kept on living with her mother-in-law and father-in-law Surjit Singh. Her father-in-law started harassing her with bad intention. He took undue advantage of her helplessness. After consuming liquor, he used to touch her in an inappropriate manner and also compelled to develop physical relations with him. She disclosed this fact to her mother-in-law but she did not believe her. On 21.12.2024 at about 12 o'clock she managed to prepare a video with her mobile phone when her father-in-law again misbehaved with her in the absence of her mother-in-law. Due to inappropriate behaviour of her father-in-law, her shirt was torn and she managed to save her honour. He continuously pressurized her to develop physical relations with him. Ultimately, the matter was reported to the police.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner argued that he is old man aged about 72 years. In the Aadhar card his date of birth is wrongly mentioned as 53 years. He is behind the bars since 07.03.2025. He has joined the investigation. Allegations detailed in the FIR (Annexure P-1) are false and without any basis. His anticipatory bail petition was declined by this Court in CRM-M-4620-2025 decided on 27.02.2025 and thereafter he was arrested in this case. Trial in this case may take long time. He is ready to abide by the terms of bail order. Therefore, his regular bail petition may be allowed as prayed for.

4. Bail petition is opposed by learned counsel representing State assisted by learned counsel for the complainant. It is pointed out that there



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are serious allegations against the petitioner. Statement of the victim recorded under Section 183 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 is Annexure R-1 where she has given the detail of allegations. On completion of investigation, challan was presented on 17.03.2025. Case is committed vide order dated 12.05.2025. Now the trial is pending for prosecution evidence. Considering the specific allegations and gravity of offence, petitioner is not entitled to be released on regular bail.

5. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record. Present petitioner is the father-in-law of the complainant. Facts of the case referred above indicate that she had performed marriage with Arvinder Singh son of present petitioner. She along with her husband shifted in the matrimonial home after one year of marriage. Thereafter, her husband died in road accident on 03.05.2022. She is mother of two daughters, therefore, she decided to live in the matrimonial home. She has narrated various incidents when her father-in-law i.e. present petitioner outraged her modesty time and again and tried to develop physical relations with her. Finally, matter was reported to the police. There are serious allegations against the petitioner. Trial is at initial stage. Statement of the prosecutrix is yet to be recorded. In case he is granted bail, he may try to influence the witness. Considering the aforesaid factual position, at present I do not find a fit case for grant of regular bail and the same is accordingly declined.

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(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

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