

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

2025:PHHC:076096



CRM-M No. 32450 of 2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 13.06.2025

Sandeep Kaur

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE

Present : Mr. Gopal Singh Nahel, Advocate (through v.c.)
for the petitioner.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, Advocate, for the complainant.

Mr. Jastej Singh, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

The petitioner apprehends her arrest in respect of offence punishable under Section 108, 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita-2023 in FIR No. 114 dated 27.05.2025 registered at Police Station Lehra, District Sangrur. The allegation is that petitioner and her husband Bhagwan Singh used to harass and insult the deceased in the bus in front of the passengers and therefore, the deceased committed suicide by downing himself in Bhakra canal.

2. Law in regard to complicity of accused for commission of offence punishable under Section 306 of the Indian Penal Code (Section 108 of BNS) is well settled. Mere allegation of harassment is not sufficient to complete the offence of abetment to suicide, there are no criminal antecedents against the petitioner.

3. Keeping in view the above, this Court extends the benefit of anticipatory bail to the petitioner subject to her furnishing personal bonds for a sum of Rs. 50,000/- with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Arresting/Investigating Officer and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023. In case the petitioner does not join the investigation, the State is free to move an application for cancellation of her bail.
4. This order shall also remain subject to the following condition:-
- i) During monsoon season, the petitioner shall plant 10 saplings of indigenous plants at a public place and submit proof in that regard by way of photographs before the concerned Police Station where the FIR has been registered and if there is no such intimation submitted or intimation is found to be incorrect, then the State can move an application for cancellation of his bail.
5. The petition stands allowed.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

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Whether reportable	Yes/No√