

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2025:PHHC:124327



CRM-M-43486 of 2025(O&M)
Date of Order:10.09.2025

Neeraj

.Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Ms. Pallavi Babbar, Advocate, for the petitioner
Mr. Vikas Bhardwaj, AAG, Haryana
Mr. Deepak Kumar Bartia, Advocate, for the complainant

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL, JUDGE

Petitioner seeks regular bail in case vide FIR No.563, dated 21.07.2024, under Section 80 of BNS, Police Station Shahbad, District Kurukshetra. This is his first application for regular bail.

The FIR was registered on complaint of Mangu Ram son of Miriya, father of deceased, who stated that his daughter Muskan left home on 31.05.2024, with Neeraj son of Rajindra of the same village and married him. The whole family was upset. On 12.06.2024, they had given in writing in Chandigarh High Court that they should be happy. Later on, his daughter called him thrice on 19.07.2024 and informed that Neeraj was harassing her for dowry and that she was very upset. The day before on 20.07.2024, father of Neeraj called him but he did not take the call. On 21.07.2024, at about 3:00 pm, Shahbad police called him to inform that his daughter had committed suicide by hanging. He reached Sanjivni Hospital, where his

daughter was lying dead. He suspected that Neeraj and family members had killed his daughter.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter-alia* argued that deceased and petitioner were in a live-in-relationship. They filed a protection petition in the High Court. Thereafter, they solemnized marriage. After marriage, they were both living together in paying guest accommodation. Deceased committed suicide within 1½ months of marriage by hanging. It was further submitted that there was neither any dying declaration nor any suicide note left behind by the deceased. Petitioner had been falsely implicated in the case by parents of the deceased, who were not happy with the relationship. In fact, deceased remained depressed due to her own family members and committed suicide on that account. Petitioner, who had clear antecedents and was in custody with effect from 22.07.2024, deserved to be enlarged on regular bail.

Learned State counsel has filed status report. Prayer has been made for dismissal of the bail application on the ground of serious nature of allegations.

This court has considered the submissions of the learned counsel representing the parties.

Petitioner has been booked under Section 304-B IPC for having caused dowry death of his wife-Muskan within 1½ months of marriage. There are specific and serious allegations against him. Considering the gravity of the offence, it is not a fit case to grant regular bail despite the period of incarceration. The application for regular bail is dismissed.

Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed as expression of opinion on merits of the case.

All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

10th September, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No