



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

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CRM-M-46412-2025 (O&M)

Reserved on: 23.09.2025

Pronounced on:26.09.2025

GURINDER SINGH

...Petitioner

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Vikas Bali, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Hardeep Singh Wadhwa, DAG Punjab.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner seeks regular bail in case arising out of FIR No. 61 dated 19.04.2023, under Section 304-B Indian Penal Code, Police Station Sadar Jagraon, District Ludhiana Rural. This is the first petition for regular bail.

Complainant alleged that his daughter Lovepreet Kaur was married to Gurinder Singh son of Atma Singh on 24.06.2022. At the time of marriage, all demands of dowry, as raised by his daughter's husband and family members were fulfilled by spending more than his financial capacity. Yet, the husband and his family members were not satisfied with the dowry and gifts. Gurinder Singh, his father, brother and other family members physically assaulted and harassed his daughter for bring insufficient dowry. Gurinder Singh pressurized his daughter to bring motorcycle and additional dowry items. On several



occasions, she was sent back after mental and physical harassment. Each time he and his family members visited her matrimonial home and pleaded before her husband and in-laws, whereafter she was sent back with the hope that with time, things would settle down. After few days, the harassment and beatings for dowry resumed. His daughter's sister-in-law Gaggu, who was married in village Matwani, interfered in her domestic matters and pressurized her to bring more dowry articles. On 18.04.2023, at about 3.00 PM, his daughter called his wife to inform that her husband and in-laws were physically assaulting her. His wife assured that they would reach and resolve the matter. At about 8.00/9.00 P.M., one Golu called them and informed that Kalyani Hospital had refused to admit Lovepreet Kaur. After 2-3 hours, his daughter Lovepreet Kaur was taken to Global Hospital, Ludhiana, where she was declared brought dead. Gurinder Singh along with his father Atma Singh etc. had assaulted and murdered his daughter. There were visible injury marks on her neck, froth emitting from mouth and swelling on neck. His daughter was beaten up and strangled to death with some object. The motive behind murder was insufficient dowry.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argued that all co-accused namely Baljit Kaur, Bakhtaur Singh, Gagandeep Kaur Saran and Atma Singh had already been enlarged on anticipatory/regular bail vide orders of this Court. He further submitted that on the day of occurrence, petitioner was not even present at home and had gone to Guwahati. Petitioner was in custody for last more than 01 year. He thus, prayed that petitioner be enlarged on regular bail.



Learned State counsel has opposed the prayer for regular bail on the ground of serious nature of allegations.

Petitioner is alleged to have caused dowry death of his wife. Death has occurred within 01 year of the marriage. Allegations against him are serious and specific and his case cannot be treated at par with other relatives, who have been allowed bail. The nature and gravity of the offence allegedly committed, does not entitle him to the concession of bail.

Therefore, without commenting on the merits of the case, the petition stands dismissed.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

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Ajay Goswami

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