



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

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CRM-M-65011-2023

Date of Decision: 17.09.2025

Suman Bala

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Chandan Singh Rana, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Ramta Chowdhary, D.A.G., Punjab.

None for the complainant.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 438 of Criminal Procedure Code filed by the petitioner for grant of anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No.120 dated 17.11.2023, registered under Section 306 of IPC, at Police Station Shimlapuri, District Ludhiana.
2. There is no representation on behalf of the complainant.
3. Vide order dated 22.12.2023 passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation.
4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, has submitted that the petitioner has joined investigation on 01.01.2024, as already noted in the order dated 31.07.2025, her further custodial interrogation is not required.



5. Keeping in view the nature of the allegations as levelled against the petitioner, this Court is of the considered opinion that no case for pre-trial incarceration of the petitioner is made out. It is also well settled that pre-trial incarceration should not be a replica of post conviction. More so, it is only after thorough assessment of the evidence to be produced on record that it is to be determined as to whether the suicide by the victim was abetted by the petitioner. It is also a debatable question as to whether the ingredients for commission of offence punishable under Section 306 of IPC have been attracted qua the petitioner or not?

4. As such, a case is made out for allowing the present petition. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 22.12.2023, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 (analogous to Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure).

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

September 15, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No