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

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Date of Decision:- 19.03.2025

**SUMAN BALA**

...Petitioner

Vs.

**STATE OF PUNJAB**

...Respondent

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI**

Present:- Mr. Munish Puri, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Japjot Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Ajaypal Singh Aulakh, Advocate and Mr. Amandeep Singh Manaise, Advocate for the complainant.

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**AMARJOT BHATTI, J. (Oral)**

1. Petitioner – Suman Bala has filed instant petition under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail in FIR No.78 dated 18.11.2024 under Sections 108, 3 (5) of BNS, 2023, registered at Police Station Division-1, Pathankot.

2. As per facts of case, complainant Amit Mahajan @ Tinku gave his statement that his sister Ruchika Mahajan i.e. victim got married with Nitin Mahajan in the year 2020. She was mother of twins, who are about 2 years of age. Naveen Mahajan - brother-in-law was running grocery shop at Pathankot. Victim was residing in joint family along with her mother-in-law, brother-in-law Naveen Mahajan, his wife Mahak Mahajan. Aforesaid persons used to quarrel and harass the victim. On 17.11.2024 at about 10 pm,



call was received from mobile phone of victim and it was informed by Suman Bala that the victim had committed suicide by hanging. Complainant along with his family reached the matrimonial home. Nobody had informed the police. They saw the dead body of his sister lying on the bed. Matter was reported to the police with a prayer for taking legal action.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner argued that petitioner Suman Bala is the mother-in-law. All allegations levelled against her are without any basis. Victim was suffering from epilepsy and for that reason she was taking medicine. Medical record is annexed as Annexures P-2 and P-3. Due to the side effects of medicines, she was under depression. There are no allegations of cruelty or demand of dowry. Petitioner was arrested in this case on 18.11.2024 and since then she is behind bars. She is ready to abide by the terms of bail order.

4. Bail application is opposed by learned counsel representing State assisted by learned counsel representing complainant. It is pointed out that there are specific allegations against present petitioner and other co-accused for maltreatment to the deceased victim. It is a case of unnatural death. Copy of post-mortem report is Annexure R-1/T. Challan has been presented on 16.01.2025 and charges are yet to be framed. Considering the gravity of offence, petitioner is not entitled to be released on bail.

5. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record. As per the contents of FIR, present petitioner is specifically named for causing harassment to the victim who died unnatural death leaving behind her two minor sons, aged about 2 years. Challan is already presented.



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Chargesheet is yet to be framed and thereafter, statement of material witnesses is to be recorded. Considering the gravity of offence, at this stage, I do not find a fit case for grant of regular bail and the same is, accordingly, declined.

6. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

19.03.2025

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(AMARJOT BHATTI)  
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No.

Whether reportable:

Yes/No