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

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Date of decision : 22.07.2025

Ramnish Kumar Bedi

..... Petitioner

V/S

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Mr. Jaivir Yadav, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Nitish Sharma, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Amrit Kaur Mahir, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Aditya Grover, Advocate for complainant.

AMARJOT BHATTI J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioner- Ramnish Kumar Bedi filed petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 95 dated 13.11.2024 (Annexure P-1), under Section 108 of BNS 2023, registered at Police Station Dhakoli, District SAS Nagar (Mohali).

2. As per facts of the case, DDR No.27, dated 25.10.2024, was recorded under Section 194 B.N.S.S 2023, at Police Station Dhakoli, District SAS Nagar (Mohali) regarding death of Rachna Bedi, aged 50 years, resident of Flat No.602, 6th Floor, E-Block Maple Apartment Dhakoli, Police Station Dhakoli, District SAS Nagar. Investigation was carried out on the incidental death by HC Harnek Singh on the statement of Ram Kumar Sethi (father of the deceased victim). Intimation was received by Inspector/SHO and on this he deputed HC Harnek Singh and Constable Gurmeet Chaudhary to reach on the

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spot to enquire. On reaching there, it was found that the victim had fallen down from 6th floor of the building and she was immediately rushed to Dera Bassi Hospital in PCR vehicle. On reaching Civil Hospital Dera Bassi, she was declared dead and her body was kept in the mortuary. Statement of Ram Kumar Sethi, father of the deceased victim was recorded who stated that his eldest daughter Rachna Bedi, aged 50 years was married to Ramnish Kumar Bedi in the year 1999. They were having two sons, elder son 23 years old and younger son 19 years old. Due to matrimonial dispute, panchayats were convened. A written compromise/agreement took place in 2014. Ramnish Kumar Bedi did not mend his ways and finally, in the year 2019 his daughter Rachna Bedi returned to her parental house. She filed a complaint under Domestic Violence Act and one petition for grant of maintenance which were pending in District Courts, Kurukshetra. Ramnish Kumar Bedi also filed a divorce case. On 15.10.2024, Ramnish Kumar Bedi called his daughter Rachna Bedi that he was coming to pick her up tomorrow i.e. 16.10.2024 before 12:06 P.M. as thereafter Rahu Kal will start. On 16.10.2024, Ramnish Kumar Bedi along with his sons came and took away Rachna Bedi along with them to Dhakoli. On 24.10.2024 the complaint had gone to Amritsar. On 25.10.2024 at about 12:15 A.M. he received call from his son Deepak Sethi that he had received call from his sister Aarti residing in Mumbai that Rachna Bedi had expired. Thereafter, the complainant immediately came along with his son Deepak Sethi to Dhakoli and came to know that his daughter died due to falling down from her flat on 6th floor of the building. The complainant alleged that he was sure that it did not happen accidentally. Either she jumped herself or someone pushed her. Post-mortem was conducted by the Board of Doctors. As per the opinion of doctor, the

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probable cause of death was head injury along with injury to vital organ leading to hemorrhagic shock. It was observed that final opinion will be given after receiving report from chemical analysis laboratory. Finally, the present FIR has been registered.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner pointed out that petitioner was granted interim bail vide order dated 27.12.2024. All allegations levelled against him are false. Matter was already compromised between husband and wife. It was the victim who had sent WhatsApp message to petitioner on 11.10.2024 (Annexure P-2). Both husband and wife decided to reconcile and in pursuance of this Rachna Bedi had withdrawn her complaint under Domestic Violence Act as well as petition for grant of maintenance under Section 125 Cr.P.C. on 23.10.2024. Copies of orders are Annexure P-3 and P-4. Copies of photographs of the couple are Annexure P-5. In fact, the victim was suffering from vertigo. Her prescription slip is Annexure P-6. Without considering these facts, his anticipatory bail application was wrongly declined by learned Additional Sessions Judge vide order dated 25.11.2024 (Annexure P-7). Petitioner is still ready and willing to join investigation as and when required. Therefore, interim bail already granted in his favour may kindly be confirmed.

4. Bail petition is opposed by learned counsel representing State as well as learned counsel representing complainant. It is pointed out that preliminary inquiry was conducted at the time of registration of present FIR. During further investigation, broken mobile phone make Samsung with two SIM Cards of deceased were taken into police possession, which have been sent to Digital Forensic Laboratory, Rupnagar. The report has been received. There are specific serious allegations. Earlier, matter was inquired by Investigating Officer

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Deepinder Singh. Now, the investigation is being carried out by Inspector Simr Jit Singh. The allegations are serious in nature; therefore, custodial interrogation of present petitioner is required. Learned counsel representing complainant pointed out that initially, no proper investigation was carried out by the investigating agency. Investigating officer was trying to help the present petitioner. The facts were not rightly mentioned by earlier investigating officer. Complaint addressed to SHO Police Station Dhakoli, District SAS Nagar (Mohali) is Annexure R-1. The investigating agency is yet to inquire under what circumstances death of Rachna Bedi took place. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, petitioner is not entitled to be released on anticipatory bail.

5. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record carefully. Present petitioner is the husband of deceased victim Rachna Bedi. They got married in the year 1999 and on account of matrimonial dispute, they started living separate in the year 2019. Due to matrimonial dispute, admittedly the deceased victim filed complaint under Domestic Violence Act and one petition under Section 125 Cr.P.C. On the other hand, present petitioner had filed a petition seeking divorce. As per facts narrated by complainant, Rachna Bedi was taken back in the matrimonial home on 16.10.2024 and the unfortunate incident took place on the intervening night of 24.10.2024. The record indicates that complaint under Domestic Violence Act and petition under Section 125 Cr.P.C. were withdrawn on 23.10.2024. The contents of FIR indicate that complainant did not inform the police regarding the occurrence. SHO received information and he deputed HC Harnek Singh and Constable Gurmeet Chaudhary to visit the spot. Present petitioner did not make any effort to shift the victim to the hospital.



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Rather she was taken to the hospital in PCR vehicle. The FIR has been lodged on the statement of father of the deceased victim.

6. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances and sequence of events, matter requires thorough investigation as to under what circumstances this unfortunate incident took place. Present petitioner has relied upon one medical prescription slip, Annexure P-6 dated 17.09.2022, according to which there is reference of headache, vertigo, neck pain, etc. There is nothing to suggest that victim was suffering from any serious ailment. Even otherwise, the incident took place in the midnight of 24.10.2024. Considering the aforesaid factual position, custodial interrogation of present petitioner is required to complete investigation. Therefore, interim bail granted in favour of petitioner- Ramnish Kumar Bedi vide order dated 27.12.2024 is vacated and anticipatory bail petition filed by him is accordingly declined.

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

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

22.07.2025.*Sunil Devi*

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No