



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-67095-2025 (O&M)

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ARSHPREET SINGH

PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Argued by: Mr. Amrik Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Hardeep Singh Wadhwa, DAG Punjab.

Shalini Singh Nagpal, J.

1. Petitioner seeks regular bail in FIR No.87 dated 24.09.2023 under Section 306 IPC, Police Station Chamkaur Sahib, District Rupnagar. This is the second petition for anticipatory bail, the first one was dismissed as withdrawn on 14.01.2025.

2. Complainant, namely, Nirmal Kaur alleged that she had five children and her youngest daughter Navjot Kaur was a student of B.A. final year in Sahibzada Ajit Singh Jujhar Singh College, Bela. On 23.09.2023 at about 10:00 A.M., she and her son left for Morinda for personal work. When they were returning, her nephew Gurwinder Singh telephonically informed her that Navjot Kaur had severe pain in the stomach and she was being shifted to Civil Hospital Rupnagar. She and her son reached Civil Hospital Rupnagar where Navjot Kaur told her that Arshpreet Singh, son of Subha Singh resident of Balrampur was harassing her too much on which account she consumed poison. After giving her first aid, she was referred to PGI where she died. She



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stated that her daughter died by consuming poisonous medicine due to pressure created by Arshpreet Singh Harman Singh alias Billu, son of Daljeet Singh, resident of Village Mehtot was aware of consumption of poison by her daughter but did not disclose to them. During investigation, on 28.10.2023, statement of Nirmal Kaur was again recorded under Section 161 Cr.P.C. She stated that her daughter Navjot told her in the hospital that she had "*Gallbaat*" with Arshpreet Singh, who promised to marry her. She too was interested to marry him. Thereafter, he refused to marry her, defaming her in the college and also threatened to defame her further if she forced him to marry her and that due to fear of defamation and threats, she consumed poison.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that even if the allegations in the FIR were accepted as correct, no offence under Section 306 IPC was made out as it could not be said that the petitioner instigated the deceased to commit suicide or intended her suicide. He further submitted that supplementary statement of the complainant was recorded more than one month after registration of the FIR, wherein, she had considerably improved upon her earlier version. There was nothing in the first report to the police regarding the alleged refusal to marry by Arshdeep Singh and supplementary statement was an afterthought version. Learned counsel urged that there was no direct overt act attributed to the petitioner, inciting the deceased to commit suicide, leaving her with no option but to take her own life. There was no mens rea on part of the petitioner to attract the applicability of Section 306 IPC. It was urged that petitioner who was in custody for the last more than 02 years 01 month deserved to be enlarged on regular bail.

4. Learned State counsel has placed on record custody certificate dated 21.12.2025. He submits that out of 17 prosecution witnesses, 07 had



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been examined and 06 were given up. 04 PWs were yet to be examined. He opposes the prayer for regular bail arguing that there were direct allegations of abetment of suicide against the petitioner.

5. Petitioner is in custody in the case for the last more than 02 years 01 month. 04 witnesses are yet to be examined and trial may take some time to conclude. Petitioner has a fixed abode and clean antecedents. He is not stated to be involved in any other offence. There is no reason to believe that he will evade the process of law. Considering the nature and substance of allegations against the petitioner and all relevant facts and circumstances of the case, but without commenting on merits, the petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Duty Magistrate

6. Pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

24.12.2025
HS.CHAUHAN

Whether Speaking/Reasoned :
Whether Reportable :

Yes/No
Yes/No