

2026:PHHC:038160



209-4 **IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA**
 AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-7800-2026
Date of Decision:11.03.2026

Daljit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY

Present: Mr. Daljeet Singh Randhawa, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Darshan Singh Malwai, Add. AG, Punjab.

AARADHNA SAWHNEY, J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioner, who is accused in case FIR No.07 dated 05.01.2026 registered against him, for commission of offences punishable under Sections 108, 351(2) of BNS at Police Station Civil Lines Batala, District Gurdaspur, has filed the instant petition, praying for grant of pre-arrest bail.
2. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI, Sarabjit Singh, states that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not needed for any further investigation.
3. On 11.02.2026, following order was passed by this Court:-
 1. *Petitioner, who is accused in case FIR No.0007 dated 05.01.2026 registered against him, for commission of offences punishable under Sections 108,351(2) of BNS at Police Station Civil Lines Batala, District Gurdaspur, has filed the instant petition, praying for grant of pre-arrest bail.*
 2. *Relevant facts as emerging from the documents on records*

be noticed hereinbelow:

“Paramjit Kaur wife of Satnam Singh, resident of Kotla Bama Thana Sadar Batala, a home maker, set the criminal law in motion by filing a complaint pointing therein that she is blessed with two sons and a daughter. Her elder son Karandeep Singh, aged 37 years, who is physically challenged from legs, is working as commission agent at Shop No.51, Dana Mandi Batala. His younger son Roban Singh and her daughter Harmeet Kaur are staying abroad. On 25.12.2025, her eldest son Karandeep Singh had returned back from work and had consumed poisonous medicine in his office. A note written by him was found by her in the drawer of the table in his office. As per the said note, several persons owed money to Karandeep Singh. Their names and the amount due from them were mentioned in the note. Karandeep Singh also pointed out that if anything happens to him, the persons mentioned in the suicide note would be responsible. Complainant pointed out that immediately she rushed her son to EMC Hospital Jalandhar Road, Batala. Unfortunately, he died on 05.01.2026. Complainant also pointed out that her son was quite disturbed by the misdeeds of the persons mentioned in the suicide note, who owed money to him but were not returning back the same. Extremely distressed, he ended his life. On the basis of the said complaint and suicide note, aforesaid FIR was registered. Investigations were set into motion during which post-mortem examination of the dead body was got conducted. Suicide note was also taken into possession.

Petitioner, who was one of those persons, who had been named by the deceased in the suicide note, moved an application for grant of pre-arrest bail. The same came to be dismissed by the learned Addl. Sessions Judge, Gurdaspur vide order dated 05.02.2026. Aggrieved of which, the present petition has been filed.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was working as a commission agent at Grain Market, Batala. Documents brought on record indicate that petitioner and

deceased had a professional relationship. Learned counsel has drawn the attention of this Court to the copy of suicide note, a bare perusal of which reveals that apart from several persons named in the suicide note who allegedly owed money to deceased, he himself mentioned that he also had to return money to some persons. Further, in the 'suicide note', no positive overt act on the part of the petitioner, soon before the death of the deceased has been referred to, which compelled deceased and brought him to such a situation in life where he had no option but to commit suicide. There is nothing on record that deceased had initiated any legal proceedings against those mentioned in the suicide note who had allegedly borrowed money from him and were refusing to return the same. It has been submitted that when appreciated in the light of facts and circumstances brought on record, no prima facie case under Section 108 of BNS is made out. Unexplained delay of 10 days in lodging FIR further raise serious doubt on the genuineness of story put forth by prosecution.

Further, similarly situated co-accused Rajinder Kumar @ Rajinder Munim and Komalpreet Singh have also been granted the concession of anticipatory bail by this Court vide orders dated 22.01.2026 and 03.02.2026 (Annexures P-2 and P-3). Thus, it has been prayed that similar treatment be meted out to the present petitioner. Presence of the petitioner is not required for custodial interrogation, for nothing is to be recovered from him but being a law abiding citizen, he is willing to join the investigation.

- 4. Heard. Documents have been perused.*
- 5. Notice of motion.*
- 6. Mr. Kamalpreet Bawa, DAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and prays for some time to file status report.*
- 7. List on 17.02.2026.*
- 8. In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the*

satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).

9. *To be tagged along with CRM-M-3698-2026.”*

4. Keeping in view the fact that petitioner has joined the investigation, interim bail granted vide order dated 11.02.2026 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS. Further the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when required in future by way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioner; he will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

5. The petition stands allowed.

6. Pending application, if any, also stands disposed of.

11.03.2026
Parveen kumar

(AARADHNA SAWHNEY)
JUDGE

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