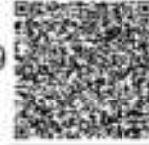


IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2026.PHHC.055489



CRM-M-14708 of 2026 (O&M)

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Manjit Kaur

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Lakshay Bector, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG Punjab.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL, J.

Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case vide FIR No. 266 dated 31.08.2025, under Sections 80 and 85 BNS, Police Station Division No.5, Ludhiana. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

Complainant Rajesh Kumar Arya stated that his youngest daughter Jyoti Arya was married to Gurpreet Singh son of Madan Singh, two years ago. They had a son Anhadpreet Singh, aged 1 years. In-laws family of Jyoti harassed her for dowry regarding which she told him many times. Jyoti was beaten up for not bringing sufficient dowry. Some time ago, she was beaten up and turned out of the house and lived with him for a long time. On 27.08.2025, Gurpreet Singh came to their house and giving them assurance, took her back for her son's birthday, which the family wanted to celebrate together. He assured that they would never harass her in future.

Trusting him, he sent Jyoti and her son with Gurpreet Singh. On 30.08.2025 at 1:15. p.m. he received a phone call from his son-in-law Gurpreet Singh informing that Jyoti had committed suicide by hanging from ceiling fan and the dead body was in the mortuary of ESI Hospital, Bharat Nagar Chowk, Ludhiana. He stated that his daughter Jyoti was harassed by husband Gurpreet Singh, brother-in-law Harpreet Singh, mother-in-law Manjeet Kaur and sister-in-law Amandeep Kaur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that allegations against the petitioner were general in nature. There was neither any specific demand attributed to her nor any overt act. Learned counsel further submits that deceased died as she was in depression and wanted to reside separately. One year old son of the deceased was in custody of the petitioner, who was looking after him. In the circumstances, petitioner deserved to be enlarged on anticipatory bail.

Learned State counsel has opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail on the ground of serious nature of allegations against the petitioner.

Petitioner has been booked under Sections 80 and 85 of BNS for causing dowry of her daughter-in-law within two years of marriage. Allegations are serious. She is alleged to have harassed and tortured the deceased for bringing insufficient dowry. The nature and gravity of allegations against the petitioner, the role attributed to her, quantum of sentence conviction may entail and all relevant facts and circumstances of the case, do not entitle the petitioner to concession of anticipatory bail. Therefore, without commenting upon the merits of the case, the petition stands dismissed.

All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

09.04.2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No