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

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Date of Decision: 05.05.2026

Uma Shankar

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Rahul Deswal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Kuljinder Dhindsa, AAG, Punjab.

Rajesh Bhardwaj, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in a case FIR No.150 dated 27.12.2025, registered under Section 108 BNS, at Police Station Malaudh, Police District Khanna, District Ludhiana.

2. Succinctly, the facts of the case are that FIR in the present case was got registered on the statement of complainant, namely, Manjit Kaur. It was alleged that her brother, namely, Satgur Singh, had an affair with Preet Gupta and wanted to get married to her. In the month of November 2025, she received a call from her uncle Harminder Singh that Uma Sankar (petitioner) got registered FIR bearing No.138 dated 24.11.2025 under Sections 137 (2), 96 of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 at Police Station Malaudh for taking away her daughter Preeti Gupta. On coming to know, she alongwith her husband Gurmeet Singh came to her ancestral house in village Dudhal, but her brother was not present at home due to anxiety of the registration of case against him. On 27.12.2025 at about 02:30 p.m., the complainant received a call from her aunt Amarjit Kaur that her brother, Satgur Singh had committed suicide by hanging himself from a branch of



tree near a drain in village Siha Dodh, whose motorcycle bearing registration No.PB 13BF 6617 was also found parked on the spot. It was alleged that her brother was upset due to registration of fake case against him by Uma Shankar and due to which he ended his life by hanging himself. Thus, the request was made to take legal action against the accused. On the basis of the same, the FIR was registered. On registration of the FIR, the investigation commenced. The petitioner was arrested on 28.12.2025. On completion of the investigation, the challan was presented. The petitioner approached the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Ludhiana praying for the grant of regular bail. However, after hearing both the sides and finding no merit in the same, learned Court dismissed the bail application filed by the petitioner vide order dated 07.02.2026. Hence, the petitioner is before this Court praying for grant of regular bail by way of filing the present petition.

3. It has been vehemently contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has been falsely and frivolously implicated in the present case. He submits that the petitioner lodged FIR No.138 dated 24.11.2025 under Sections 137(2), 96 of BNS, at Police Station Malaudh, Khanna, District Ludhiana against deceased Satguru Singh @ Laddi on the allegation of abducting his daughter. It is submitted that the deceased filed a petition for anticipatory bail before learned Additional Sessions Judge, Fast Track Court, Ludhiana, but the same was dismissed by learned Court vide order dated 24.12.2025. He submits that after the rejection of the anticipatory bail, he committed suicide by hanging himself from the branch of tree on 27.12.2025. He further contends that the petitioner has been



roped in the present case on the allegations that it is because of the FIR lodged by the petitioner, deceased committed suicide. He submits that by no stretch of imagination, offence under Section 108 BNS (Section 306 IPC) is made out as as the essential ingredient of instigation under Section 45 BNS (Section 107 IPC) is not satisfied. He contends that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents and he has been implicated in the present case as an act of vendetta. He, thus, has submitted that in the overall facts and circumstances, the petitioner deserves to be granted bail.

4. *Per contra*, learned State counsel has vehemently controverted the submissions made by counsel for the petitioner. He submits that there are specific allegations against the petitioner, who has admittedly lodged FIR against the deceased. He submits that the deceased had love affair with the daughter of the petitioner and he was implicated by the petitioner in an FIR in a clandestine manner. He, thus, submits that complicity of the petitioner had duly established. On instructions, he has submitted that only challan has been presented so far and charges are yet to be framed. He has placed on record the custody certificate of the petitioner.

5. After hearing counsel for the parties and perusing the record, it is deciphered that admittedly, the petitioner filed FIR against the deceased in which anticipatory bail petition filed by the deceased was dismissed. It is thereafter, the deceased committed suicide. It has been contended before this Court that *prima facie* offence under Section 108 BNS read with Section 45 BNS is not made out. The custody certificate would show that the petitioner has suffered incarceration of 04 months & 02 days as on 04.05.2026. It



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further shows that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents. Investigation is complete and challan has been presented.

6. The veracity of the allegations would be assessed only after the conclusion of the trial and on the appreciation of evidence to be led by both the parties before the trial Court. The trial of the case will take sufficient long time. Keeping in view the arguments raised by both the sides and perusing the record, this Court is of the opinion that learned counsel for the petitioner succeeds in making out a case for grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on her furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

8. Nothing said herein shall be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

05.05.2026

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No