

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

2026.PHHC.041655



CRM-M-53604-2025 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 17.03.2026

MEENA

... PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

... RESPONDENT

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S.GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Pradeep Duhan, Advocate for the petitioner.
Dr. Malvika Singh, D.A.G., Haryana.
Ms. Palak Jain, Advocate for
Mr. Gopal Sharma, Advocate for the complainant.

H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking regular bail under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) in FIR No.484 dated 17.12.2024 registered under Sections 108, 3(5) of BNS (Section 215 of BNS added later on) at Police Station Narnaund, District Hisar, Haryana.

2. The case of the prosecution is that deceased Jitender committed suicide by shooting himself with his licenced weapon. The petitioner is the daughter-in-law of the deceased with whom the family had strained relations. It is alleged that petitioner had threatened the deceased that she would involve him in a false case of outraging her modesty, due to which he was under stress and committed suicide.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. The petitioner has not been named in the suicide note left by the deceased. The petitioner is in custody for the last 06 months and 16 days and is not involved in any other case.

4. Learned State counsel and learned counsel for the complainant vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner on the ground of gravity of allegations. Learned State counsel has filed the custody

certificate in Court, which is taken on record. She further submits that as per the custody certificate, the petitioner is in custody for the last 06 months and 16 days and out of 25 prosecution witnesses, none has been examined so far.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

6. After hearing the rival contentions of the learned counsel for the parties and keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case that the petitioner has not been named in the suicide note left by the deceased; the petitioner is not involved in any other case; she is in custody for the last 06 months and 16 days; out of 25 prosecution witnesses, none has been examined so far; the trial is likely to take a long time and continuous detention of the petitioner would not serve the ends of justice, this Court deems it fit to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner during the pendency of the trial. Moreover, *'bail is rule and jail is exception'*.

7. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on her furnishing requisite bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

8. It is clarified that while on bail so granted through the instant order the petitioner is found indulging in any other criminal case, it shall be open to the State to seek cancellation of her bail.

(H.S.GREWAL)
JUDGE

17.03.2026

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