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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on : 16.03.2026

Navdeep Kaur

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present : Mr. Vaibhav Narang, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Jasdeep Singh Gill, Addl. A.G., Punjab

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 439 Cr.P.C.), for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, during the pendency of trial, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name of Petitioner(s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Navdeep Kaur, aged 28 years	165	27.07.2024	304, 120-B IPC (Sections 302, 307 IPC added later on)	Sadar, Amritsar	Police Commissioner ate

2. Complainant-Lakwinder Kaur got registered the FIR and as per allegations, his son Prince Chauhan was married to Navdeep Kaur about six years back. Navdeep Kaur met Varun Pandit to learned Astrology and later developed friendship with him and on account of which there used to remain quarrel between them and complainant's son started going into depression. On 11.06.2024, at around 11:00 a.m. petitioner-Navdeep Kaur had served food, which was eaten by

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Prince Chauhan, who thereafter started feeling uneasiness. On asking of complainant, petitioner Navdeep Kaur had served a glass of lemonade and one more glass to complainant herself. Both of them had to go for vomiting and were thereafter hospitalized in the hospital. Pandit-Varun Mehta came at Adlakha Hospital and asked the victims to go back to home otherwise one of you would die. Getting scared both of them came back home and on his asking both the victims had started taking rest. On 06.07.2024 complainant and her son prince chauhan got admitted in Escort Hospital as instructed by Pandit Varun Mehta. When their health deteriorated, on 07.07.2024 they were admitted at PGI Chandigarh, where Prince Chauhan expired. Being admitted in DMC hospital complainant got registered FIR on 27.07.2024 against i) Pandit Varun Mehta, ii) Anju Mehta (Varun Mehta's wife), iii) Manu, iv) Simmu and v) Navdeep Kaur (suspected to be poisoning substance in lemonade resulting into the death of Prince Chauhan).

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that a false case has been planted and even FIR has been got registered at belated stage. As per allegations Lemonade was given by the complainant on 11.06.2024 but the allegations were levelled for first time on 27.07.2024. Except of raising doubt by the complainant, there is no other substantial evidence collected during investigation, sufficient to prove the charges. Thus, prays for grant of bail.

4. Learned State counsel submits that there are serious allegations and no leniency can be applied for granting bail to the petitioner.

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

6. As per postmortem report, wherein clinical diagnosis was mentioned

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as "*acute febrile illness with acute gastroenteritis with pericardial effusion and pencytopenia*"

In status report, role assigned to the petitioner is that she in connivance with her co-accused Varun Mehta @ Varun Pandit hatched a conspiracy to kill Prince Chauhan. Petitioner-Navdeep Kuar @ Nidhi used to serve arsenic poison to her husband deceased-Prince Chauhan and complainant-Lakwinder Kaur due to which their health deteriorated.

7. As informed by learned State counsel that during investigation it was found that arsenic metal was found to the extent of 536.97 value of 'Arsenic', which is very high, was noticed in the report of deceased. It is also being argued that as per doctors opinion, Arsenic is an extraneous agent and has to be administered from outside. There is no method by which the Arsenic metal can be produced by an individual through his/her metabolism system.

8. Faced with the situation, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the deceased Prince Chauhan and complainant Lakwinder Kaur both were admitted in hospital on 11.11.2024 and they never raised any doubt against any body for more than 45 days and during this period they both had left the hospital and had gone back home. The fact about the poison is administered by somebody or was consumed by the victims themselves is unknown and until such a probability is ruled out, the petitioner herein can not be termed as accused involved in the crime. Except of raising doubt there is no other substance in the allegations.

9. After hearing learned counsel for the parties and noticing the fact that the allegations have been leveled first time on 27.07.2024 i.e. after a period of more than 1 ½ months and Arsenic poison was found inside the body of the

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deceased, but how it entered in their body, once it can not develop because of internal metabolism of a person, same can not be answered at this stage. It is for the trial Court to ascertain the actual aspect as the petitioner is inside the jail since 06.10.2024.

10. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court is of the considered view that further incarceration of the petitioner would not serve any useful purpose.

Consequently, prayer made in the present petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to her furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Illaqa Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case.

11. Needless to observe that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witness in any manner directly or indirectly.

12. The observation made here-in-above shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the facts of the case and the Trial Court is expected to decide the case on the basis of complete evidence available on record.

13. It is further made clear that if, in future, petitioner is directly found indulged in similar kind of activities, this order shall be deemed to be cancelled.

14. Petition stands disposed of.

Pending misc. application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

March 16, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No