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

CRM-M-57352-2025

Date of Decision:- 13.01.2026

Karamjit Kaur

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:-HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Deepinder Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Amrit Kaur Mahir, AAG, Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner – Karamjit Kaur has filed petition under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail in FIR No. 19 dated 06.04.2025 registered under Section 80, 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 at Police Station Nandgarh, District Bathinda.
2. Brief facts of the case are, Jasmail Singh father of deceased victim gave his statement that marriage of his daughter Harpreet Kaur aged about 25 years was performed with Balkaran Singh about one and a half years ago. Out of this wedlock, there was no child. His daughter had studied upto B.A. and she had cleared IELTS. Prior to marriage, she wanted to go abroad and it was assured by husband and in-laws family that they would bear her expenses for sending her abroad. Behaviour of her husband and members of in-laws family changed towards her. They refused



to send her abroad. On account of matrimonial dispute, he brought his daughter back to parental home. A Panchayat was convened where it was again agreed that as per agreement they would send his daughter Harpreet Kaur in foreign country and with this condition she was again sent back in matrimonial home. His daughter received papers for her Visa to England. Attitude of her in-laws family again changed and started quarreling with her. On 05.04.2025 at about 06:45 pm, his younger daughter had a talk with victim and they had normal talk with each other. After about half an hour, his wife received call from Karamjit Kaur -mother-in-law of his daughter that Harpreet Kaur was unconscious and was taken to Jain Hospital, Gidderbaha. His daughter expired before reaching hospital. Dead body was kept in mortuary. In fact, in-laws family of his daughter namely Boota Singh, Karamjit Kaur, Balkaran Singh and Sukhjinder Kaur had demanded dowry from him for sending his daughter abroad. There were signs of injury and blood on her face. With these allegations, present FIR has been registered.

3. Learned counsel representing petitioner pointed out that co-accused Sukhjinder Kaur has been granted anticipatory bail, whereas, Boota Singh has been granted regular bail by this Court, both passed in CRM-M-27624-2025 and CRM-M-36661-2025 respectively vide common order dated 19.09.2025 (Annexure P-7). Present petitioner is mother-in-law of deceased victim. There was no maltreatment in matrimonial home nor there was any demand for dowry. In fact, victim wanted to go abroad. On one occasion, her file for going Canada was rejected and amount was returned in the account of victim herself. For the purpose of going abroad,



both Balkaran Singh and Harpreet Kaur had reached to a mutual agreement. Their affidavits are Annexures P-4 and P-5 respectively. Present petitioner had nothing to do in their plans for going abroad. Victim was quarrelsome and used to pick up quarrels on small matters with her husband Balkaran Singh. Even on the fateful day, both husband and wife had arguments and thereafter, Balkaran Singh went outside and victim took extreme step under heat of anger and fury. She was arrested in this case on 06.04.2025 and since then she is behind the bars. Her regular bail petition was wrongly declined by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Bathinda vide order dated 29.09.2025 (Annexure P-6). Petitioner will abide by terms and conditions of bail order. Therefore, her regular bail petition may be allowed.

4. Detailed status report has been filed, confirming the allegations. It is pointed out that there are serious allegations against accused persons. It is a case of unnatural death of a young lady in matrimonial home. Copy of Postmortem Report is Annexure R-1. As per report of Chemical Examiner (Annexure R-2), no poison was detected in exhibits tested in laboratory. Opinion of Board of Doctors is Annexure R-3, according to which no exact cause of death could be opined in this case, however, in their opinion possibility of death due to asphyxia, as a result of aspiration could not be ruled out. Considering the gravity of offence, petitioner is not entitled to the concession of regular bail.

5. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record carefully. As referred above, victim died unnatural death in matrimonial home. Alongwith status report, there is opinion of Board of



Doctors, according to which no exact opinion regarding cause of death could be given and possibility of death due to asphyxia, as a result of aspiration could not be ruled out. Present petitioner is mother-in-law, who was arrested in this case on 06.04.2025. Till date she is behind the bars. Challan is already presented on 02.06.2025. Charges are already framed and case is fixed for prosecution evidence. Trial in this case may take long time. No purpose would be served by keeping petitioner behind the bars for indefinite time period. Therefore, without expressing my mind on the merits of case, regular bail petition filed by petitioner Karamjit Kaur is allowed. She is ordered to be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Judge concerned.

6. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

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**(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No