



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

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**CRM-M-67597-2025(O&M)
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SUKHMINDERJIT SINGH**..PETITIONER****VERSUS****STATE OF PUNJAB****..RESPONDENT****CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL**

Argued by: Mr. Jasraj Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. D.S. Saini, Advocate
for the complainant.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL, JUDGE

1. Petitioner seeks regular bail in FIR No. 03 dated 09.01.2025 under Section 108 Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Police Station Sadar, District Hoshiarpur. This is the first petition for regular bail.

2. Complainant Baldev Singh stated that he had 4 children who were all married. The eldest was Parminder Kaur aged 43 years, who was married with Sukhminder Singh son of Rashpal Singh, resident of Village Bilaspur, P.S. Sadar, Hoshiarpur in 2007. Parminder Kaur had 2 children, a daughter aged 16 years and a son Sahibjot Singh aged 10 years. His son-in-law Sukhminder Singh, who consumed liquor and rarely worked, had been harassing his daughter for some time, without any reason. He tried to prevail over him but he continued to beat and harass his daughter. Sukhminder



Singh had taken his TATA Punch car for some time in May 2024. He took the car back, as it was cold. On that pretext, Sukhminder Singh harassed and beat his daughter who conveyed all this to him on the phone. Despite attempts to make Sukhminder Singh understand, he did not pay any heed. On 08.01.2025, he visited Bilaspur along with his family members and his relatives and Sukhminder Singh assured that he would not quarrel with Parminder Kaur and he would not have any complaint in future but if they want to take her back, they should bring a '*Kaffan*' for him. Thereupon, they returned to their house. On 08.01.2025 at about 04:30 PM, his grandson Sahibjot called his wife Amarjeet Kaur on her phone and informed that his father had quarrelled with his mother and beaten her up on which account his mother had consumed poison and they were taking her to IVY Hospital, Hoshiarpur. He spoke to Parminder Kaur on the same phone who stated that after they left, Sukhminder quarrelled with her, gave her beatings and fed up with him, she consumed sulphas to end her life. He and his relatives reached IVY Hospital where Parminder Kaur died on 08.01.2025. Sukhminder Singh left the hospital.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that deceased committed suicide after 17 years of marriage. The allegations of harassment and beatings were vague, ambiguous and general in nature and even if accepted at their face value, no offence of abetment of suicide was attracted. Petitioner, husband of the deceased, was the one who took her to the hospital. Version of the complainant that information of the incident was given by the grandson was belied by statement under Section 161 Cr.P.C. of his grandson namely Sahibjot Singh who stated to the police that he never



told his maternal grandmother about any quarrel between his parents that day and he merely informed that his mother had consumed sulphas and his father had taken her to the hospital. In this context, he also referred to the joint affidavits sworn by the children on the lines that their mother was suffering from various psychiatric diseases, remained under treatment from New Saini Hospital, Hoshiarpur and she often went into depression. It was urged that deceased committed suicide on account of her suicidal and depressive tendencies. Petitioner who was behind bars for the last more than 4 months, deserved to be enlarged on regular bail. It was further argued that mere general allegations of quarrel and harassment were not sufficient to attract Section 306 IPC, as there was no *mens rea* on part of the petitioner to commit the crime. In support of his submissions, he relied upon ***Gurcharan Singh Vs. State of Punjab 2020 (4) R.C.R. (Criminal) 622; M. Mohan vs. State Tr. Dy. Supdt. Of Police 2011 (2) R.C.R. (Criminal) 272; Gurcharan Singh Vs. State of Punjab 2017 (1) R.C.R. (Criminal) 118; Ude Singh Vs. State of Haryana 2019 (5) R.C.R. (Criminal) 971 and S.S. Chheena Vs. Vijay Kumar Mahajan 2010 (4) R.C.R. (Criminal) 66.***

4. Short reply by way of affidavit of Dev Dutt Sharma, PPS, DSP, Sub-Division City, District Hoshiarpur has been filed on behalf of State of Punjab, which is taken on record. Learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for complainant opposes the prayer for regular bail on the ground that there were direct and specific allegations against the petitioner regarding quarrels and beatings given to deceased Parminder Kaur, on which account she consumed poisonous substance. Petitioner, though took the deceased to hospital, had refused for ventilatory support. Thus, he prayed that petition



deserved to be declined.

5. Marriage of petitioner with deceased was solemnized in the year 2007. Whether the allegations of quarrels with the deceased and harassment would amount to abetment to her suicide, would be moot point during the trial. Petitioner is in custody for the last more than 4 months. Trial is likely to take time to conclude. Petitioner has 2 children to look after. His antecedents are clean. There is no reason to suspect that he would obstruct the process of law. In the facts and circumstances of the case, but without commenting on merits, prayer for regular bail is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

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

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

31.01.2026
Sumit Singla

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