



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

(211)

CRM-M-67189-2025 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 22.01.2026

RAHUL KUMAR

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE KIRTI SINGH

Present: Mr. Chandan Singh Rana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Aakanksha Gupta, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Nirmal Sharma, Advocate
for the complainant.

KIRTI SINGH, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.107 dated 24.06.2025, under Sections 80 and 316(2) of BNS, 2023, registered at Police Station Model Town, District Police Commissionerate.

2. The contents of FIR are reproduced hereinafter.

“Statement of Upendar Parshad son of Late Chandrika Sharma resident of Village Bajitpur Bharthu, District Jehanabad, Bihar, Age about 72 Years, Mob. No. 80847-xxxxx, 82279-xxxxx. I hereby state that I am permanent resident of afore-mentioned address and I have retired from Inspector Rank Jharkhand Police. I have three children. My youngest daughter Ananya Sunaina was of about 32 Years of age and she was residing in rented accommodation at House No. 1474-D, Model Town Extension, Ludhiana and she was working at the office of F.C.I. as Grade-2 Officer. Marriage of my daughter xxxx was solemnized about two years ago with Rahul Kumar son of Radha Mohan Sharma resident of Bank Colony, Road No. 01, Opposite Shree Nidhi Apartments, Near Chimni Bhatta, Post Office Aditpur, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand. On dt. 21.05.2025 police party informed us that my daughter xxxxx has committed suicide by hanging herself in one



room of her rented house. Thereafter, on dt. 22.05.2025 we came at Ludhiana and police got conducted post-mortem of my daughter xxxxx at Civil Hospital Ludhiana and after post-mortem police registered DDR No. 12 Dated 22.05.2025 U/s 194 BNSS on the basis of statement of my son Rajeev Ranjan. Today I alongwith my relative have come to you. I and my family members have enquired about the sudden suicide committed by my daughter xxxxx and we have come to know that my daughter xxxxx's husband Rahul Kumar, father-in-law Radha Mohan, mother-in-law Radha Devi residents of Bank Colony, Road No. 01, Opposite Shree Nidhi Apartments, Near Chimni Bhatta, Post Office Aditpur, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, her sister-in-law (nanad) Priya, Priya's husband Krishan Kumar Pandey residents of Bagbera Colony Road, Quarter No. 184/2/3, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand have abetted my daughter xxxx to commit suicide by harassing her for dowry. Rahul Kumar was giving severe harassment to my daughter for dowry. Rahul Kumar was demanded money and other items from my daughter xxxxx. My daughter xxxxx had also told this to us. It is pertinent to mention here that at the time of marriage of our daughter we had gifted silver/gold etc. which are in the custody of my daughter's in-laws family members. At the instance of my daughter's husband Rahul Kumar and her other in-laws family members I had transferred Rs. 5,00,000/- from my A/c No. 10887190519 of S.B.I. Bank on dt. 04.09.2023 vide Cheque No. 947829 and had transferred Rs. 6,00,047/- on dt. 11.09.2023 vide Cheque No. 947830 to Jewelry Shop Reliance Retail Limited, Jamshedpur. I hereby produce copy of bank statement before you. Besides this, I had transferred Rs. 41,000/- from my A/c No. 72080100169552 of Bihar Gramin Bank in the account of my son-in-law Rahul Kumar, whose bank statement I hereby produce before you. Besides this, I had withdrawn Rs. 1,00,000/- from my Account ID No. 1406093849 of Post Office on dt. 11.07.2023, Rs. 1,50,000/- on dt. 28.07.2023, Rs. 2,50,000/- on dt. 28.08.2023, Rs. 4,00,000/- on dt. 03.11.2023, Rs. 2,50,000/- on dt. 28.11.2023 and Rs. 1,00,000/- on dt. 05.12.2023 in cash and had paid total Rs. 12,50,000/- to my son-in-law Rahul Kumar and his family members. Besides this, I had spent a sum of about Rs. 25 Lac on my daughter's marriage, on gifting jewelry, furniture, electronic gadgets, hotel expenses, on gifting utensils, clothes etc. But despite all this my son-in-law Rahul Kumar and his family members were not satisfied and they were giving mental torture to my daughter. Due to their harassment my daughter xxxx has ended her life by hanging herself by bolting the room of her rented house from inside. My daughter xxxx's husband Rahul Kumar, father-in-law Radha Mohan, mother-in-law Radha Devi residents of Bank Colony, Road No. 01, Opposite Shree Nidhi Apartments, Near Chimni Bhatta, Post Office Aditpur, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, her sister-in-law (nanad) Priya, Priya's husband Krishan Kumar Pandey residents of Bagbera Colony Road, Quarter No. 184/2/3, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand are responsible for the death of my daughter xxxxxx. My daughter xxxxx has committed suicide due to dowry harassment given to her by her inlaws family members. My daughter's inlaws family members were harassing her earlier also but we used to persuade and send back our daughter at her matrimonial house. It is, therefore, requested that legal action be taken against my daughter's husband Rahul Kumar, father-in-law Radha



Mohan, mother-in-law Radha Devi residents of Bank Colony, Road No. 01, Opposite Shree Nidhi Apartments, Near Chimni Bhatta, Post Office Aditpur, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, her sister-in-law (nanad) Priya, Priya's husband Krishan Kumar Pandey residents of Bagbera Colony Road, Quarter No. 184/2/3, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand and justice be given to us. At the time of death of my daughter xxxx, I and my family members were not in fit mental condition and thus we could not record statement earlier. Today I have recorded my afore-mentioned statement to you in presence of my son Rajeev Ranjan, heard, is correct. Complainant:- Sd/- Upendar Parshad. Statement correct, Sd/- Rajeev Rajan. Attested, Sd/- Ravinder Kumar ASI PP Atam Park PS Model Town Ludhiana Date 24.06.2025."

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present FIR on the statement of the complainant, with the allegations that the petitioner along with his accused family members abetted the suicide of his daughter. It is submitted that the petitioner is a Second Officer in Merchant Navy. It is submitted that only vague and sweeping allegations have been levelled in the instant FIR, as the marriage was a simple affair, wherein no dowry articles were exchanged. In fact, the deceased was earlier having a love affair with Happy of Jamshedpur and wanted to marry him, but the family members of the deceased did not agree. Therefore, the deceased got married with the petitioner under the pressure of her family members. The allegations levelled against the petitioner herein are not substantiated, particularly in the absence of any evidence including a suicide note, to suggest otherwise. Moreover, the brother of the deceased recorded his statement before the police authorities on 22.05.2025, which is annexed at Annexure P-7, wherein he stated that his sister has committed suicide due to mental stress and financial strain, and that nobody is responsible for the same. However, acting contrary to his statement, the instant FIR was lodged by the complainant after an unexplained delay of one month.



for the complainant have vehemently opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner and submit that there are specific and serious allegations against the petitioner. They state that the petitioner was actively involved in the commission of the offence.

5. Learned State counsel while placing reliance upon the status report dated 14.12.2025 submits that initially when the family of the complainant was informed about the commission of suicide by the deceased, statement of his son was recorded. However, the complainant at the time of registration of the FIR stated that upon inquiring into the death of his daughter, they came to know that her husband (petitioner herein) along with his family members had been subjecting the deceased to persistent harassment and mental cruelty, thereby abetting her to take the extreme step. It was further alleged that the complainant had been constantly conceding to the demands of the petitioner and his family, however, their atrocities on his daughter did not stop. The complainant has provided bank statements from his SBI account, Bihar Gramin Bank account and Post Office account, which reflect that the complainant transferred a sum of about Rs.12,50,000/- during the year 2023 into the account of the petitioner, as demanded by him. It is further submitted that the complainant has also produced bank statements which reflect transfers and cash withdrawals aggregating to Rs.23,91,047/-, allegedly made at the instance of the petitioner and his family members. As such, custodial interrogation is necessitated in this case so as to ascertain the true factual aspect, find out the end use of these amounts, and recover the *istridhan* articles of the deceased which are in the possession of the petitioner.

6. Learned counsel for the complainant has submitted that the petitioner has suppressed material facts, selectively narrating events, and



presenting a distorted version of the circumstances leading to the death of the deceased. The allegations are not vague and omnibus but are corroborated by the bank records, which have been provided to the concerned authorities during investigation. Further, the petitioner has alleged that the deceased was having a love affair with some boy before her marriage is vague and without any evidence. Moreover, a day prior the alleged incident, WhatsApp chats were exchanged between the petitioner and the deceased on 20.05.2025, wherein the harassment and emotional cruelty meted out to the deceased by the petitioner soon before her death is clearly reflected.

7. It is the further submission of the learned State counsel that the petitioner, whom the investigating agency has been trying to apprehend, has been evading the process of law. It is thus prayed that the present petition be dismissed.

8. Heard the rival submissions made by learned counsel for the parties.

9. A perusal of the case record reveals that marriage of the deceased was solemnized with the son of the petitioner on 13.12.2023. However, shortly after the marriage, the wife of the petitioner died an unnatural death. Grave and serious allegations, of subjecting the deceased to harassment and cruelty, particularly for the sake of dowry, have been levelled against the petitioner, which are *prima facie* corroborated by material on record, in the form of WhatsApp chat and the account statements of the complainant, authenticity of which shall though be determined during the course of trial. It is the allegation that the constant cruelty meted out to the deceased by the petitioner, purportedly led her to take her own life.



the custodial interrogation is required for ascertaining the true extent of the alleged offences, this Court is not inclined to grant the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, since grant of such relief at this stage might prejudice a free, fair and effective investigation. Given the entirety of the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court does not deem it a fit case to extend the extraordinary concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, whose custodial interrogation might be required to unearth the true dimension of the alleged unfortunate occurrence.

10. Accordingly, the instant petition stands dismissed.

11. Needless to say that nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed as an expression on the merits of the case.

Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE

January 22, 2026

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