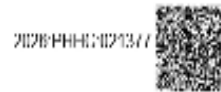


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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Reserved on: 12.02.2026

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RAVINDER SINGH @ RAVI

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

Coram: Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Shalini Singh Nagpal

Present: Mr. Abhaysher Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG Punjab.

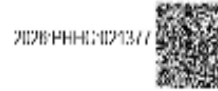
Mr. Sandeep Sharma, Advocate
for the complainant.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J.

1. Petitioner seeks regular bail in case arising out of FIR No. 130 dated 06.06.2025 under Sections 108 Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Police Station Lopoke, District Amritsar Rural, Punjab. Offence under Section 3(5) BNS was added in the FIR during investigation. This is the first petition for regular bail.

2. Complainant-Jagir Kaur wife of late Pal Singh, resident of Vanieke, Police Station Lopoke stated that her daughter Harjinder Kaur was married to Ravinder Singh alias Ravi 15 years ago. Two children were born to her. After the marriage, her father-in-law Lakhwinder Singh, mother-in-law Harwinder Kaur and husband Ravinder Singh alias Ravi harassed and troubled her. They forbade Harjinder Kaur from meeting them. On 04.06.2025, when Harjinder Kaur came to meet them, her in-laws quarreled

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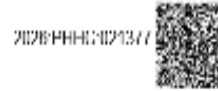
with her on which account Harjinder Kaur returned to the in-laws house in Bachivind. Harjinder Kaur verbally told her that everyone in her in-laws family frequently quarreled with her and mentally harassed her. On 06.06.2025, at about 5:00 AM distressed by her father-in-law Lakhwinder Singh, mother-in-law Harwinder Kaur and husband Ravinder Singh alias Ravi, she died by hanging herself.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the marriage was 15 years old and deceased was mother of 02 children. Allegations of harassment levelled against the petitioner were vague and general in nature, without any specific instances. It was urged that mere general allegations of harassment without any overt act attributed to the petitioner, proximate to the time of occurrence did not attract the offence of abetment to commit suicide under Section 108 BNS. Even if the allegations were accepted as correct, petitioner could not be said to have *mens rea* to abet the suicide of his wife. Neither any suicide note was left behind by the deceased nor there was any prior complaint or pending litigation with the petitioner. It was argued that day to day bickering was ordinary wear and tear of married life and could not amount to abetment to suicide. He further submits that co-accused Harwinder Kaur @ Harvinder Kaur mother-in-law of deceased had been enlarged on regular bail by this Court and petitioner, who was in custody for last 06 months, became entitled to bail on the ground of parity.

4. Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate and assisted by learned counsel for the complainant, opposed the prayer for regular bail on the ground of serious nature of allegations. He submits that 07 injuries were detected on body of the deceased and petitioner being the husband was

not entitled to the concession of regular bail.

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5. As per post mortem examination report of the deceased placed on record by learned State counsel, deceased suffered following injuries:

1. An irregular shape lacerated wound of 1.6X1.4 cm present on the front of left side of forehead with bluish purple colour bruise present in the upper end of the injury with clotted blood at the main wound. O/e infiltration of blood present underneath soft tissue.

2. Reddish Brown abrasion of 1.0X0.8 cm present on the back of the left hand 1.8 cm below the knuckle of ring finger of left hand.

3. Reddish brown abrasion of 1.3X0.9 cm present on the front of left foot and is 3.6 cm below the base of left greater toe.

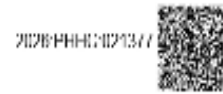
4. Reddish brown Grazed abrasion in an area of 3.2X1.9 cm present on the front of face on the right side of the face just below the cheek region.

5. Reddish brown Grazed abrasion in an area of 2.8X1.2 cm present on the front of left knee joint.

6. Reddish brown ligature mark of 27.4x1.3 to 1.6 cm present obliquely over the front and sides of the neck at the level of thyroid cartilage. The ligature mark is hard, leathery touch is 6.1 cm above the floor of the chin going upwards and backwards towards the left side of the neck region and is 5 cm below the left ear lobule and the right limb of the wound is 7 cm below the right ear lobule O/e there is dry parchmentsationof skin and soft tissue. Few petechial hemorrhage present above and below the ligature mark, strap muscles are congested. Neurovascular structures and congested, vertical chin of lymph nodes and congested, hyoid bone is intact.

7. Reddish brown abrasion of 1.1x0.9 cm present on the back of left hand at the knuckle of the middle finger.

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6. All the injuries were ante mortem in nature as a result of blunt force. Cause of death was asphyxia as a result of ante mortem hanging sufficient to cause death in ordinary course of nature. The duration between injuries and death was immediate.

7. Considering the medical evidence and the injuries suffered by the deceased, the argument that there was no overt act proximate to the time of occurrence cannot prevail. Injuries of the nature reflected in the post mortem report cannot be said to be ordinary wear and tear of married life. Petitioner is the husband and his case is not at par with the co-accused Harwinder Kaur @ Harvinder Kaur, the mother-in-law, who has since been enlarged on bail. Petitioner being the husband, by virtue of his relationship with the deceased, was the primary care taker of the well being of his wife. In the facts and circumstances of the case, considering the grave nature of allegations petitioner is not entitled to the concession of regular bail, despite the incarceration of more than 06 months undergone by him. Prayer for regular bail is declined.

8. Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed as an opinion on merits of the case.

9. Pending CRM(s), if any, are also disposed of accordingly.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

13.02.2026

Ajay Goswami

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No