

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2026:PHHC:022395



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CRM-M-71967 of 2025 (O&M)

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Dilbag Singh

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Inder Pal Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG Punjab.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL, J.

Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case vide FIR No. 115 dated 02.08.2025 under Sections 108, 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS) Police Station City Patti, District Tam Taran. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

Case was registered on statement of Mehnga Singh son of Jagrup Singh, who alleged that his daughter Navneet Kaur aged 25, was married to Harvinder Singh son of Hira Singh on 04.03.2025 as per Sukh rites and customs. On 01.08.2025, Dilbag Singh son of Santokh Singh telephonically informed him that Navneet Kaur and Harvinder Singh often quarrelled with each other. On 02.08.2025, his daughter called to inform that Dilbag Singh, her uncle-in-law and her husband Harvinder Singh had given her beatings. She requested him to come and take her. He further stated that

they used to demand dowry and harass his daughter, though he had given dowry more than his capacity. They used to ask her to bring more dowry. On 02.08.2025 at about 11:30 a.m. he was telephonically informed that Navneet had died by hanging. On reaching the house of his son-in-law, he saw the dead body of his daughter on the bed in the room. There were blue marks on her neck, left shoulder and waist. He believed that his daughter was strangled to death by uncle Dilbag Singh and her husband Harvinder Singh.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was uncle-in-law of deceased, who had been falsely implicated. He had nothing to do with the unfortunate suicide of Navneet Kaur and this fact was acknowledged even by the complainant and respectables of the locality who executed a compromise as well as a Panchayatnama certifying that Navneet Kaur was under mental pressure due to threat and exploitation by one Agyapal Singh. It was argued that at the time of commission of suicide Harvinder Singh (co-accused) was on duty on a petrol pump while Dilbagh Singh was away to bring children.

Learned State counsel has opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail on the ground of serious nature of allegations against the petitioner.

The case pertains to suicide of a young woman 25 years of age, who died within five months of marriage. Allegations against the petitioner are of thrashing the deceased and harassing her in connection with demands for dowry. Affidavit of the complainant regarding compromise with the petitioner only shows that he has already started tampering with evidence.

Benefit of anticipatory bail cannot be extended as a matter of routine just

because the petitioner is ready and willing to join investigation and his custodial interrogation may not be necessary. Gravity and seriousness of the allegations and *prima-facie* material against the petitioner are relevant considerations. Keeping in mind the nature and substance of allegations against the petitioner, seriousness of the offence, the role attributed to him and all relevant facts and circumstances of the case, it is not a fit case to grant anticipatory bail.

Dismissed.

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

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

13.02.2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No