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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH****CRM-M-72993-2025****Date of decision: 12.01.2026****RAVINDER KUMAR BAJAJ****....Petitioner****Versus****STATE OF PUNJAB****...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR**

Present : Ms. Amandeep Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Toor, AAG, Punjab.

YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR. J.(Oral)

1. Present petition under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 has been filed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.68 dated 24.07.2025, under Sections 108 and 3(5) of BNS, registered at Police Station Simlapuri, District Ludhiana.
2. The present case was registered on the basis of statement given to the police by Gaurav Sofat with the allegations that his mother Kamaljeet died in the year 2024, while his sister Aman got married on 12.12.2018. He himself got married with Himanshi on 22.02.2025 and he along with his father and wife used to reside in their house. After 15-20 days of the marriage, his wife Himanshi started creating trouble on the instigation of her father Ravinder Kumar Bajaj (petitioner) and started fighting with them. She infact wanted to settle her family in their house and when they refused, she used to fight with them. On 13.06.2025, he had gone to Bathinda, when he received a call from Himanshi that she has to go to her parental home on which he told her that he will drop her after returning



from Bathinda but she did not pay any heed and thereafter, she went to her parental home along with her father (petitioner) and she also took away all the jewellery and Rs.60,000/- kept by his father in the cupboard. On 14.06.2025, when he returned, he asked her to return to the matrimonial home, but she refused and instead, started quarreling with them over trivial issues. After few days, his wife and petitioner stopped picking up his phone calls, on which he along with his father went to their house on many occasions and tried to talk to them but they used to threaten them to get them killed. His wife also used to proclaim that his father should not live in the house, otherwise, she will divorce him. Feeling harassed by such acts, his father Vipin Kumar committed suicide on 24.07.2025 and recorded his conversation/suicide note in a phone and held his wife and petitioner-Ravinder Kumar Bajaj responsible for the suicide.

3. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel and have gone through the record.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner argued that petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. A matrimonial dispute had arisen between co-accused Himanshi and her husband, as a result of which she left the matrimonial home. Petitioner never threatened the complainant or the deceased in any manner. Learned counsel for the petitioner further contended that even if the allegations levelled in the FIR are taken to be true as a gospel truth, no offence under Section 108 BNS is made out, as the necessary ingredients to constitute the said offence are missing. There was neither any instigation nor *mens rea* on the part of the petitioner which could have compelled the deceased to commit suicide. Petitioner is in custody since 24.07.2025 and co-accused Himanshi has already been released on bail by this Court vide order dated 27.10.2025. After completion



of investigation, final report has already been presented. Trial will take sufficiently long time to conclude and further detention of the petitioner is not required and he may be released on bail.

5. On the other hand, learned State Counsel has opposed the bail and argued that in view of the gravity of the offence, petitioner does not deserve the concession of bail.

6. Petitioner is in custody since 24.07.2025. As to whether petitioner instigated the deceased or not and whether offence under Section 108 BNS will be made out or not from the allegations levelled in the FIR shall be the moot questions during the trial. Investigation stands completed and final report has already been presented. Co-accused Himanshi has already been released on bail by this Court vide order dated 27.10.2025. Trial is likely to take a long time to conclude and further detention of the petitioner is thus not required and she deserves to be released on bail.

7. Having regard to the aforesaid factual position, but without commenting anything upon the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

8. Pending misc application (s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

12.01.2026
Priyanka Thakur

(YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No
Whether Reportable. : Yes/No