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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision:- 15.05.2025

**Surjeet Singh**

...Petitioner

Versus

**State of Punjab**

...Respondent

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI**Present:- Mr. Gurpal Singh Sandhu, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Ms. Amrit Kaur Mahir, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Raman Kumar, Advocate  
for the complainant.

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**AMARJOT BHATTI, J.(Oral)**

1. Petitioner – Surjeet Singh has filed second petition under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 0050 dated 11.05.2024 under Section 306, 34 of IPC (Section 304-B of IPC added later on vide DDR No. 20 dated 04.07.2024) registered at Police Station Mehatpur, District Jalandhar Rural (Annexure P-1).

2. As per the facts of case, complainant Surinder Singh gave his statement that his elder daughter Navjot Kaur, age 23 years got married with Jaswinder Singh. Out of this wedlock, she was having a son age about 8 months. Soon after marriage, his daughter was harassed by her husband Jaswinder Singh, father-in-law Surjeet Singh and mother-in-law Mahinder Kaur. She was beaten up. Due to continuous harassment, she was fed up and wanted to end her life. Family members made her understand and she



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started living with her in-laws family. On 11.05.2024, at about 11:00 AM, his relative Surjeet Singh informed that his daughter was admitted in hospital in serious condition due to consumption of some intoxicant substance. He along with his family members came to their village and accused persons were found at Sidhwan Bet with dead body of his daughter. His daughter ended her life by consuming poisonous substance due to harassment caused by her husband and members of in-laws family.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner argued that Surjeet Singh is father-in-law of deceased victim. There are no specific allegations against petitioner. From the year 2019 till alleged date of occurrence, she lived in matrimonial home. There is no suicide note. He was arrested on 12.05.2024. Trial in this case may take long time. Therefore, his regular bail petition may be allowed.

4. Status report along with custody certificate of petitioner filed by respondent-State are taken on record subject to all just exceptions. Facts narrated in FIR are confirmed. It is pointed out that all accused were arrested in this case on 11.05.2024. It was a case of unnatural death. As per Chemical Examiner Report dated 02.08.2024, organophosphorus compound was detected in exhibits tested in laboratory. Challan is presented on 08.07.2024. Charges are framed on 27.09.2024 and prosecution witnesses are yet to be examined.

5. I have considered the aforesaid factual position. It is rightly pointed out that daughter of complainant died unnatural death in matrimonial home. As per version of complainant, deceased victim was continuously harassed in matrimonial home by her husband and both in-



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laws. It is a case of unnatural death by consuming poison. Trial is at initial stage. Charge-sheet is already framed but the statements of prosecution witnesses are yet to be recorded. Considering the initial stage of trial, I do not find a fit case for grant of regular bail to petitioner – Surjeet Singh and present petition filed by him is, accordingly, dismissed.

6. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

15.05.2025

*lalit***(AMARJOT BHATTI)****JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:  
Whether reportable:

Yes/No  
Yes/No