



**208 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
CHANDIGARH
CRM-M-53939-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 13.10.2025**

SATBIR SINGH

...Petitioner

V/S

STATE OF HARYANA

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Suvir Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikas Bhardwaj, AAG Haryana.

Mr. Sunil Chaudhary, Advocate
for the complainant. (through video conferencing)

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No. 101 dated 08.07.2025, under Sections 323, 498-A, 306 and 34 Indian Penal Code, Police Station Behal, District Bhiwani. Section 304-B IPC was added in the FIR during investigation. This is the first petition for anticipatory bail.

2. According to the FIR version, deceased Pooja, grand-daughter of the complainant Madan Lal, was married to Sunil son of the petitioner on 15.11.2021. Expenditure of Rs. 22,00,000/- was incurred by the complainant party in the marriage. However, she was repeatedly harassed and beaten in connection with demands of dowry by her husband and his family members, as a result of which, she committed suicide on 22.03.2024 in her parental home.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter-alia* submits that petitioner was father-in-law of the deceased, working as Class-IV in a Government Department. He further submits that marriage of son of



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petitioner and deceased Pooja was solemnized on 15.11.2021 and a girl child was born to them in the year 2002. Thereafter, in March, 2024, the couple separated and deceased Pooja returned to her parental home, where she committed suicide on 22.03.2024. The first complaint against petitioner and his other family members was filed on 18.06.2024 by father of deceased and was inquired into by Deputy Superintendent of Police, Siwani. No FIR was, however, registered even after inquiry. Thereafter, eight other complaints were made on the same set of allegations to various authorities and the matter was investigated by Superintendent of Police, Bhiwani/Superintendent of Police, Rohtak/Deputy Superintendent of Police, Siwani/Deputy Superintendent of Police, Loharu/ Deputy Superintendent of Police, Kalanaur, for as many as nine times. Every time, the allegations levelled in the complaints were not found substantiated, therefore, no case was registered. It is claimed that custody of the minor child was with son of the petitioner and after one year and eight months of commission of suicide, police registered the false FIR despite nine previous inquiry reports exonerating the petitioner and his family members. Learned counsel further argues that the alleged suicide note submitted by the complainant was never produced by him in the first six inquiries and it was produced for the first time in a petition under Section 528 Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, filed by complainant-Madan Lal. Referring to the compromise (Annexure P-6), it was submitted that the expenses incurred on the marriage i.e. Rs.15,00,000/- had been paid to the complainant side and

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custody of the minor child was given to the family of petitioner. It is argued that registration of the FIR was actuated by greed and was an attempt of extort money from the petitioner and his family members. There was no possibility of the petitioner, who was a government servant to flee from the process of law. In pursuance of order of this Court, petitioner has joined investigation.

4. Vide order dated 23.09.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner was granted interim bail and was directed to join investigation.

5. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Jogi Dayal submits that petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for further investigation. Learned counsel for the complainant opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail.

6. Considering all relevant facts and circumstances of the case, but without commenting on merits, the petition is allowed and order dated 23.09.2025, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

13.10.2025*Ajay Goswami**Whether speaking/reasoned**Yes/No**Whether reportable**Yes/No*