



201 – 2 cases

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Date of Decision:- 22.04.2025

(1) CRM-M-3696-2025

KAMAL KUMAR AND ANR.

....Petitioners

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

(2) CRM-M-972-2025

KAJAL SINGH @ SWEETI

....Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. S.S. Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioners in both cases.

Mr. Japjot Singh, AAG, Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J. (Oral)

1. Petitioners Kamal Kumar and Sheela Devi in CRM-M-3696-2025 and Kajal Singh @ Sweeti in CRM-M-972-2025 have filed instant petitions under Section 482 BNSS, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.346 dated 11.12.2024 under Section 108 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 registered at Police Station Sohana, District SAS Nagar. Both petitions are taken up together for hearing and decision, being arisen out of the same



FIR.

2. Facts of the case are complainant Biresh gave his statement that his elder daughter Prity Singh got married with Pankaj on 20.02.2014. She was having a daughter aged about 7 years and a son about 4 years. Her daughter used to tell him about the quarrels with her husband and in-laws' family. After the marriage of her brother-in-law Kamal Singh, husband of her daughter and in-laws' family started taunting and harassing her daughter for bringing less dowry. On the intervening night of 9/10.12.2024, his nephew Abhishek Singh received call from his daughter informing him about the quarrel which took place with her husband Pankaj. His nephew tried to talk Pankaj but he did not answer the call. On 10.12.2024, Abhishek informed him that he was called in the matrimonial home by Kamal Singh brother-in-law. Abhishek visited the matrimonial home and found that his daughter was lying dead on the bed and there was no jewellery on her body. Complainant came to know that his daughter hanged herself. He immediately came to Mohali. Dead body was lying in Civil Hospital, Phase-6, Mohali. His daughter ended her life due to the harassment and quarrel by her husband Pankaj, brother-in-law Kamal Singh, mother-in-law Sheela Devi and sister-in-law Kajal Singh @ Sweeti.

3. Learned counsel representing petitioners Kamal Singh - brother-in-law, Sheela Devi - mother-in-law in CRM-M-3696-2025 and for Kajal Singh @ Sweeti sister-in-law in CRM-M-972-2025 raised the issue that Prity Singh deceased victim got married with Pankaj on 20.02.2014. They were residing separately at the place of posting of her husband Pankaj. They resided in Hyderabad and Bangalore. Couple had celebrated 10th



marriage anniversary together. Their photographs are Annexure P-3. In April, 2024 family shifted to Mohali. There was no complaint ever lodged against any of the family members with the allegations of maltreatment. On 09.12.2024, deceased victim was aloof, away from her husband and children. She locked herself inside the room. She was heard talking on her phone late at night in the intervening night of 09/10.12.2024. Thereafter, family members went to sleep. In the morning, when she did not open the door, room was opened with second key and she was found hanging with the help of her *dupatta*. Cousin of deceased victim who is residing at distance of 200 meters was informed and the police was also called. Learned counsel for petitioner Kajal Singh @ Sweeti, in CRM-M-972-2025, argued that she is married lady having a minor daughter. She is settled at Lucknow doing private job, thus having no interference in the matrimonial home of deceased victim.

4. Learned counsel for petitioners pointed out that even family is under shock after this occurrence. Nobody is aware why deceased victim took this step. It is pointed out that in pursuance of the interim relief, petitioners, referred above, have already joined the investigation and they are still ready to join as and when required.

5. Status report filed in both the petitions confirming the facts narrated in the FIR. It is pointed out that it is a case of unnatural death. As per opinion of Doctor, cause of death in this case is Asphyxia consequent upon hanging. It is confirmed that aforesaid petitioners have joined investigation on 06.02.2025. Anticipatory bail petitions are opposed on the ground that main accused Pankaj Singh is yet to be arrested and the



petitioners have not cooperated with the investigating agency to disclose about his whereabouts.

6. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record. Facts of the case indicate that the aforesaid unfortunate occurrence took place on the intervening night of 09/10.12.2024 when the deceased victim allegedly confined herself in a room and in the morning when she did not open the door of the room, same was opened with second key and the dead body of victim was found hanging with the help of her dupatta. Victim was married to Pankaj about 11 years ago and out of this wedlock they were having two children. Complainant has levelled allegations of maltreatment against the husband and members of in-laws' family. However, prior to this occurrence there is nothing on record to show that any complaint was filed during the period of 10/11 years of marriage. Matter is still under investigation. Aforesaid petitioners have already joined the investigation. It is for the investigating agency to apprehend other co-accused Pankaj Singh who is still at large. No purpose would be served by sending aforesaid petitioners behind the bars. Considering the aforesaid factual position, anticipatory bail petitions filed by petitioners Kamal Kumar and Sheela Devi in CRM-M-3696-2025 and Kajal Singh @ Sweeti in CRM-M-972-2025 are allowed. They be not arrested. In case of their arrest, they be released on bail to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer concerned, subject to condition that petitioners will join investigation as and when required. They will not tamper with or interfere with investigation and will not leave country without prior permission as provided under Section 482 (2) of BNSS, 2023.



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

8. Photocopy of the order be placed on the files of above-mentioned connected cases.

22.04.2025

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(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No.

Whether reportable: Yes/No