

**IN THE COURT OF RAVI GULATI
ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE, GURDASPUR**

CIS No. BA-193-2025

CNR No. PBGD010004792025

Date of Order:24.01.2025

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Satnam Singh @ Harjot Singh @ Jota aged about 28 years son of Sukhwant Singh resident of village Shahpur Jajan, Tehsil Dera Baba Nanak, District Gurdaspur.

.....Accused/Applicant

Versus

State of Punjab.

.....Respondent

FIR No.161 Dated 21.11.2024

U/S 108/3(5) of BNS

P.S. Dera Baba Nanak

First Bail Application under Section 483 BNSS

Present: Sh.Deepak Sharma Advocate counsel for accused/applicant.

Sh. Jatinder Pal Singh APP for the State alongwith

Sh. Manbir Singh Ghuman Advocate for complainant.

ORDER

Present bail application has been filed by applicant Satnam Singh @ Harjot Singh @ Jota son of Sukhwant Singh seeking regular bail under Section 483 of BNSS. Manjit Kaur who is stated to be mother of the accused/applicant has furnished her affidavit to the effect that it is the first bail application filed by accused/applicant under section 483 of BNSS. As per the report of the Ahlmad also, no other bail application of the accused/applicant is pending in any court or decided by any court in this FIR.

2. Upon notice, learned APP for the State put in appearance on behalf of the State and Sh. Manbir Singh Ghuman Advocate has appeared on behalf of the complainant and contested the bail application. Police record was requisitioned and perused. ASI Balwinder Singh No. 2357/BTL, P.S. Dera Baba Nanak who appeared along with record also suffered statement that no other bail application of accused/applicant under section 483 BNSS is pending in any other court or decided by any other court in this FIR and except the offences mentioned in the FIR no offence has been added and deleted in the present FIR.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submitted that he is innocent and has been falsely implicated in present case. He argued that there is no evidence with the prosecution to connect the accused/applicant with the alleged offences. He further submitted that accused/applicant was arrested on 16.12.2024 and since then he is in judicial custody. Thus, he prayed that applicant may be granted regular bail.

4. On the other hand, the learned APP for the State and learned counsel for the complainant have opposed the bail application on the grounds that he abetted deceased Rajwinder Singh to commit suicide as she was having illicit relationship with his wife and moreover he is having other criminal antecedents. Learned APP for the State also placed on record list of four cases including the

present FIR in which accused/applicant Satnam Singh is involved. Thus he prayed for dismissal of the bail application.

5. After hearing rival contentions of both the sides and after going through the record, this court finds that the present FIR was registered against present accused/applicant Satnam Singh @ Harjot Singh and one Sharanjit Kaur on the statement of complainant Jagjeet Kaur wife of Sakattar Singh wherein she alleged that deceased Rajwinder Singh was his brother who was married with accused/non applicant Sharanjit Kaur. However Sharanjit Kaur was not having good relations with Rajwinder Singh and she used to harass her to transfer his property in her name. Even she had also compelled Rajwinder Singh to sell his land and had got FD of Rs.8,00,000/- in her name. Thereafter she eloped with the present accused/applicant Satnam Singh @ Harjot Singh and started living with him and developed illicit relations with him. She further alleged that on 21.11.2024, when she came to visit her brother, she saw that Rajwinder Singh was hanging with the ceiling fan and the chair was also lying in broken condition and found out that Rajwinder Singh had already expired. She also stated that she suspect that accused/applicant in connivance with Sharanjit Kaur had killed her brother Rajwinder Singh because Sharanjit Kaur was also having one key of the house of the deceased. However upon such statement of

the complainant, the police found out case of suicide and accordingly present FIR was registered under section 108 and 3(5) of BNS.

6. In the backdrop of these facts, this court finds that as per the allegations of the complainant, she has suspected that her brother Rajwinder Singh has been murdered whereas the police has made out a case of suicide at this stage. Therefore this court is of the opinion that thorough investigation is required to find out the reason behind death of Rajwinder Singh which is still underway. As per the allegations, accused/applicant developed illicit relationship with wife of the deceased which ultimately led to his death and therefore all angles are required to be probed into. The investigation is still underway. Therefore this court is of the opinion that accused/applicant is not entitled to be released on bail at this stage. Moreover he is also having criminal antecedents and he is involved in three other cases. Therefore if granted bail, he may hamper the investigation, threaten the witnesses or may abscond. Hence considering the serious allegations and criminal antecedents of the accused/applicant, the present bail application is hereby dismissed. However the observations made herein shall have no effect on the merits of the main case. Police record be returned. Bail application file be consigned to the record room.

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Dated:24.01.2025.
Shiv Kumar, Stenographer-I

(Ravi Gulati)
Additional Sessions Judge,
Gurdaspur (UID No.PB0242)