



**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2026
(Arising out of Special Leave Petition (Crl.) No. 1896/2026)**

SAURABH SAINI

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF PUNJAB

RESPONDENT(S)

WITH

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2026
(@SLP(Crl) No. 1952/2026)**

WITH

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2026
(SLP(Crl) No. 2001/2026)**

ORDER

Mr. Baani Khanna, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

2. Heard learned counsels appearing for the parties.
3. Leave granted.
4. The appellants who are brother-in-law of the deceased, wife of the brother-in-law and brother of deceased wife are before this Court seeking for anticipatory bail

since they were unsuccessful before the Trial Court and before the High Court.

5. The gist of the prosecution case is that Gimanshu Shukla (deceased) and Bipasha alias Ankita, sister-in-law of the appellant No.1-herein were married on 22.04.2025. Within a month, there was matrimonial discord resulting in wife-Bipasha alias Ankita leaving the matrimonial home, contending that she was constantly demanded dowry and also was beaten up by her deceased husband. In fact, she has lodged complaint before the jurisdictional police at Patiala on 24.05.2025 which resulted in affidavit being filed by the deceased agreeing to control his anger and tendency to consume intoxicant would be stopped and lead a peaceful married life. It is stated that on such assurance, she returned back to her matrimonial home and yet again, the dispute started resulting in further complaint being lodged on 06.10.2025. It is, thereafter, the said Gimanshu Shukla and Bipasha alias Ankita filed a petition for divorce by mutual consent under Section 13-B of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 before the Principal Judge, Family Court, Rajpura. During the pendency of said proceedings, the deceased is said to have committed 17/18.12.2025 leaving a death note whereunder an omnibus statement had been made to the effect that despite all efforts made by all the members of the family to amicably settle the matrimonial dispute, it did not yield any positive result and it is the family members of his wife including the appellants who are responsible for such fiasco. Hence, he is said to have committed suicide.

6. Having heard the learned counsels appearing for the parties, it is noticed that

appellant Nos.1 and 2 (Saurabh Saini and Rahul) who are the brother-in-law of deceased and wife of the brother-in-law against whom there is an omnibus allegation in the complaint. So also against Rahul, the brother of Bipasha alias Ankita. It is for the prosecution to establish the proximate link to the death or in other words of deceased having committed suicide due to reasons stated in the death note. We do not propose to express any opinion at this stage as it would prejudice the case of either of the parties. Hence, we desist from doing so and keeping in mind that the accused persons are not at flight risk and they have roots in the society and the chances of absconding and for delaying or influencing the witnesses being remote which apprehensions if any of the prosecution can be allayed by imposing strict conditions by the Trial Court, we allow these appeals, set aside the impugned order(s) and order for the release of appellants on anticipatory bail by the jurisdictional I.O. on such terms and conditions, including the condition of directing them to appear before the court on all dates of hearing, except when exempted.

.....,J.
(ARAVIND KUMAR)

.....,J.
(PRASANNA B. VARALE)

NEW DELHI;
FEBRUARY 04, 2026.

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No.1896/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 21-01-2026 in CRMM No.1091/2026 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

SAURABH SAINI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF PUNJAB

Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION

WITH

SLP(Crl) No. 1952/2026 (II-B)

FOR ADMISSION

SLP(Crl) No. 2001/2026 (II-B)

FOR ADMISSION

Date : 04-02-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARAVIND KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASANNA B. VARALE

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Yashraj Singh Deora, Sr. Adv.
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For Respondent(s) : Mr. Baani Khanna, AOR
Mr. Aobin Singh, Adv.
Mr. Kapil Balwani, Adv.
Ms. Komal Thakker, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appeals are allowed in terms of the Signed Order placed on the file.
3. The pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(VIJAY KUMAR)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(AVGV RAMU)
COURT MASTER (NSH)