

**Role Reversal**  
**Harassed by bahu, saas kills herself**  
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Women committing suicide due to troublesome mothers-in-law is often heard, but an aged woman of Urban Estate, Dugri, today jumped to death before a running train allegedly due to harassment from daughter-in-law. The woman claimed in a suicide note that she could not bear the harassment at the hands of her daughter-in-law and her relatives any longer and hence was ending her life.

On the basis of the two-page suicide note, filled with heart rending tale of woes of victim Dilip Gandhi, the Government Railway Police booked her daughter-in-law Sonia Gandhi, Sonia's mother Harinder Sethi and sister Chhina Walia for abetting Dilip to commit suicide under sections 306, 34 of the IPC.

All accused live in Chandigarh. Sonia is the daughter of a retired Superintendent of Police M.S. Sethi.

Interestingly, the main reason behind the dispute between the family members was the immigration of Sonia's husband Gursharan Singh Gandhi to Canada. Sonia and other accused were allegedly vehemently against Gursharan's move.

The victim says in the suicide note that Sonia and other accused allegedly opposed Gursharan's immigration to such an extent that he was forced to return to India after spending a few weeks in Canada. He had managed to go abroad after a six-year wait. Once back home, the in-laws forcibly took his passport and other documents away.

Additional SHO, GRP, Harbans Singh said the woman jumped before the Ludhiana-Jakhal train around 5:30 am today. The police later recovered the suicide note, which revealed her identity. He said no arrest had been made so far.

The suicide note revealed that the victim was quite religious. She began the note offering prayers to Sikh gurus and tendering an apology for ending her life, given to her by the almighty.

She wrote: "She had no other option as the harassment by the daughter-in-law and other accused was driving them mad". She said her son was married to Sonia 10 years ago. They had a daughter from the marriage. Her son managed immigration after much effort but Sonia always opposed his decision.

When my son finally went to Canada, she went to her parent's house and threatened to register a case of dowry against us. My son tried his best to cool down things. But he was threatened with such dire consequences that he returned home".

She further claimed that her son went straight to his in-laws house in Chandigarh where he was forced to part with the passport. Later, he took a Rs 9,000 per month job with the Guru Gobind Singh Study Circle.

This money was insufficient for the family and there was no compromise by the accused. The accused then humiliated her in public by levelling cheap allegations, which she could not bear and decided to end her life.

