

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Misc. No. M-14249 of 2016

Date of decision : 10.05.2016

Pardeep Singh

... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANITA CHAUDHRY

Present: Mr. Vikram Preet Arora, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. V.P.S. Sidhu, AAG Punjab

Mr. Sukhdeep Parmar, Advocate
for the complainant

ANITA CHAUDHRY, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No. 19 dated 01.03.2016 registered at Police Station Kotwali Nabha, District Patiala under Sections 363, 366(A) IPC (later on added Section 376 IPC and Section 4 of POCSO Act).

The petitioner had earlier approached the High Court for protection. The girl was minor. Statement of the girl has been recorded in the Court. She has partly supported the accused.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it was a case of run away marriage and victim and the petitioner had approached the High Court. The counsel refers to order dated 02.03.2016. He further states that the prosecutrix did not want to accompany her parents and was sent to Nari Niketan though now she is with her parents. He further states that statement of the complainant has been recorded and the case was fixed for today for the statement of the prosecutrix. He further states that petitioner is in custody since 08.03.2016. He further states that they had approached the police for protection and were arrested.

The complainant had mentioned age of the victim about 17 years. The petitioner and the girl had approached the Court for protection after they had got married. The petitioner was arrested when he approached the police for protection.

Investigation is over. Challan has been presented. The statement of the witnesses have started. The trial will take time.

Without commenting anything on the merits of the case and considering

the fact that the trial will take time to conclude, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing adequate bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

May 10, 2016
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JUDGE