

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

Crl. Misc. No.M-40592 of 2016

Date of decision : 17.11.2016

Sandeep Kumar @ Gaggi

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANITA CHAUDHRY

Present: Mr. Avlok Singh Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. V.P.S. Sidhu, Asst. A.G. Punjab.

ANITA CHAUDHRY, J.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.139 dated 15.09.2014, registered under Sections 363, 366-A, 376, 201 IPC, Police Station Meharban, District Ludhiana.

The petitioner is in custody since 04.12.2014. Only four witnesses have been examined out of seventeen witnesses. The prosecutrix has been examined.

Counsel for the petitioner has pointed out that it was a case of run away marriage and the couple had approached the Sessions Court for protection. Counsel refers to Annexure P-3. The counsel further submits that thereafter, the girl turned around and changed her statement that a threat was given to her when she was taken to the Court.

The petitioner is in custody for over two years. The trial is going at a slow pace. The victim has already been examined. Without commenting upon the merits of the case, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate with a rider that the petitioner would not contact the complainant or her family or tamper with evidence.

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(ANITA CHAUDHRY)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No