

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

CRM-M No. 10482 of 2017(O&M)

Date of decision: 5.4.2017

Jagtar Singh @ Cheeta

....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE REKHA MITTAL

Present: Mr. K.S. Lakhanpal, Advocate for the petitioner.

REKHA MITTAL, J.(Oral)

The petitioner prays for grant of regular bail in FIR No.54 dated 03.11.2016 registered with Police Station Kalanaur, District Gurdaspur for offence punishable under Sections 363, 366-A, 506 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (in short 'IPC'), Section 3 and 4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (Section 9, 10 and 11 of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 added later).

Notice of motion.

Mr. Ankur Jain, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

Counsel for the petitioner would submit that Sarabjit Kaur and Narinder Kaur, co-accused in the case, were allowed regular bail by this Court vide order dated 16.03.2017. Two accused namely Charanjit Kaur and Jaswant Singh have been allowed interim bail in their applications for grant of bail in anticipation of arrest. It is further submitted that Sharanjit Kaur, the alleged kidnapped girl is residing in her matrimonial home and is

leading a blissful married life. The last submission made by counsel is that the petitioner is the paternal uncle of Jaswant Singh and he is entitled to bail even on the principle of parity.

Counsel for the State has not disputed the factual assertions but opposed prayer for bail.

Without meaning to express any opinion on merits of the case, the petitioner shall be released on bail subject to furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court. However, he shall abide by the following conditions:-

- (i) he shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with facts of the case so as to dissuade him/her from disclosing such facts to the Court;
- (ii) he shall not leave India without previous permission of the Court.

APRIL 5, 2017

‘D. Gulati’

(REKHA MITTAL)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	yes/no
Whether reportable	:	yes/no