

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

CRM-M No. 12347 of 2017(O&M)

Date of decision: 18.5.2017

Balwinder Singh

....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE REKHA MITTAL

Present: Mr. Rajesh Kapila, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ankur Jain, AAG, Punjab with
ASI Pawan Kumar.

REKHA MITTAL, J.(Oral)

The petitioner prays for grant of regular bail in FIR No.14 dated 27.02.2017 registered with Police Station Mamdot, District Ferozepur for offence punishable under Sections 363, 366-A, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and 3/4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the instant FIR has been lodged at the behest of mother of the alleged kidnapped girl. The victim performed marriage with the petitioner on 27.02.2017 after attaining the age of majority. Dispute between the parties has been settled by way of compromise and the mother of the victim has reconciled with her marriage with the petitioner. The girl is residing in her matrimonial home. Statement of the victim under Section 164 Cr.P.C. was recorded wherein she has completely exonerated the petitioner and admitted the factum of marriage.

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

In view of the above, without commenting upon merits of the controversy, the petitioner shall be released on bail subject to satisfaction of the Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate. 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.

MAY 18, 2017 'D. Gulati'	(REKHA MITTAL) JUDGE
Whether speaking/reasoned	: yes/no
Whether reportable	: yes/no