

Criminal Misc. No. M- 35050 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of decision : December 15, 2017

Iqbal Singh @ Iqbali

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILLPresent: Mr. Sumeet Puri, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 139 dated 07.08.2017 under Sections 354/354D IPC and Section 8 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 registered at Police Station City Sunam, District Sangrur.

It is reiterated that no overt act has been attributed to the present petitioner. Overt act is attributed to the co-accused Harwinder Singh @ Laddi, who has now been granted the concession of bail pending trial. It is submitted that the petitioner is a young man of 17 years and is not involved in any other criminal case. Moreover, he has joined investigation and undertakes to face trial. It is, thus, prayed that this petition be allowed.

Heard, learned counsel for the parties.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from SI Paramjitt Singh, verifies that the petitioner has joined investigation. It is further informed that final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has since been

presented. Charge against the petitioner has been framed as well. The petitioner is not reported to be involved in any other criminal case.

There are no allegations on behalf of the State that the petitioner is likely to abscond or that he is likely to dissuade the witnesses from deposing true facts in the Court, if released on bail.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances noted above but without expressing any opinion on the merits of case, it is considered just and expedient to allow this petition. Consequently, order dated 25.09.2017 is made absolute.

December 15, 2017

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(Lisa Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No