

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

Crl. Misc. M-20723 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: May 17, 2018

Lovepreet Singh @ Jagroop Singh @ Jupa

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Gursimran Singh Bhatia, Advocate
for the petitioner.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner for the newly added offence under Section 4 of POCSO Act and Section 450 of Indian Penal Code, added vide DDR No.18 dated 15.03.2018 in case FIR No.174 dated 10.07.2015, under Section 376 of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Jandiala Guru, District Amritsar Rural.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that initially the aforesaid FIR has been registered under Section 376 of Indian Penal Code, in which the petitioner herein remained in custody from 16.07.2015 till 15.09.2015, when he was released on regular bail. It is argued that during the pendency of the proceedings, a challan has been presented on 15.03.2018 with addition of offences under Section 4 of POCSO Act and

Section 450 of Indian Penal Code. Learned counsel also contends that the petitioner herein has already been granted regular bail for the offence under Section 376 of Indian Penal Code.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner.

In view of the above, no useful purpose would be served by sending the petitioner behind bars, since he has already been granted regular bail for the offence under Section 376 of Indian Penal Code. As such, the petitioner herein is directed to appear/surrender before the concerned trial court/Illaq Magistrate within a period of two weeks from today and on his doing so, he be released on bail by the trial court to its satisfaction. In case, the petitioner herein fails to appear/surrender before the trial court/Illaq Magistrate within the stipulated period, the petition in hand shall be deemed to be dismissed.

The petition in hand stands allowed with the aforesaid directions.

May 17, 2018
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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No