

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

CRM-M-40023-2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 20.09.2018

Munsha Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANITA CHAUDHRY

Present: Mr. Jasvir Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Jagmohan Ghumman, D.A.G., Punjab.

ANITA CHAUDHRY, J

Petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.17 dated 03.03.2016, registered under Sections 363 & 365 of IPC vide rapat No.20 dated 29.04.2016 further enhanced under Section 366 IPC and Sections 5 & 6 of POCSO Act, 2012 at Police Station Sardulgrah, District Mansa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody since 06.08.2017 and the allegations against the petitioner are that he had held the victim while Bittu Singh, the main accused had raped the victim. Counsel further submits that Bittu Singh had been allowed bail vide Annexure P-4 and it was the case of run away marriage and the investigation is over and trial has commenced.

The petitioner seeks parity with Bittu Singh, who had been allowed bail on 24.08.2018 and is entitled to same.

The trial would take time. Without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing surety and adequate bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

September 20, 2018

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**(ANITA CHAUDHRY)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No