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

**CRR No.613 of 2018
Date of Decision: 19.02.2018**

MANDEEP SINGH

.....Petitioner

Vs

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH*

Present:Mr. Mohineet Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. R.S. Thind, D.A.G., Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

Petitioner has challenged the inadequacy of order dated 19.01.2018 passed by the Addl. Sessions Judge, Fazilka.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that Manjeet Singh @ Mithu went missing on 20.12.2010. His missing report was lodged by the complainant Surjit Singh on 25.12.2010. Dead body of Manjeet Singh @ Mithu was recovered after few days from the Canal. The case could not be traced down and untraced report was filed by the Police.

Learned counsel further contended that the present FIR came to be registered on 15.12.2016 with the allegations that on

14.12.2016, Sandeep Singh contacted the complainant and told him that when he was paying obeisance in a Gurdwara, he overheard the petitioner and others that they had committed sin by murdering Manjeet Singh @ Mithu and due to that sin, the wife of petitioner has lost unborn child during pregnancy. Now, for the curse that they have committed in the past, they wanted to get rid of the same by performing some *puja path*. On the aforesaid premise the FIR in question was lodged.

Learned counsel further contended that marriage of sister of the petitioner is fixed for 25.02.2018. Petitioner moved the application for grant of interim bail for 10 days, in order to make arrangements of marriage and to do other obligations. The Addl. Sessions Judge, Fazilka has allowed the prayer only for one day with a direction to manage the presence of the petitioner at the time of marriage i.e. on 25.02.2018 at 7.00 a.m. at Seed Farm Pakka, Abohar.

I have considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties.

Looking to the facts and circumstances of the case at this stage and in view of urgency involved, I deem it appropriate to grant interim bail to the petitioner for three days i.e. from 24.02.2018 to 26.02.2018. subject to his furnishing heavy bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

Petitioner is directed to surrender before the Jail Authorities on 26.02.2018 at 5.00 p.m. The trial Court shall evolve its own mechanism to secure presence of the petitioner after availing interim bail for three days.

February 19, 2018

(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No