

**In The High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-12509-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 26.8.2019

Madan Lal alias Madhi ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Amit Arora, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, DAG, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. By way of filing this petition, petitioner-Madan Lal alias Madhi seeks grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered vide FIR No.119, dated 22.4.2015, registered at Police Station City Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran, under Sections 376/511 IPC and Sections 7 and 8 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (added later on).
2. The petitioner had earlier been granted regular bail in respect of the FIR in question. Subsequently, the prosecution moved an application for amendment of charge before the trial Court and charges in respect of offences under Section 376 IPC and Section 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act were also framed, leading to an apprehension of arrest of the petitioner.

3. Vide order dated 18.3.2019, the trial Court was directed to release the petitioner on interim bail.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has informed that pursuant to the aforesaid directions the petitioner has furnished bail bonds for grant of interim bail.
5. The learned State counsel has informed that the trial in fact is at its fag end and only one PW remains to be examined.
6. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case especially bearing in mind that the petitioner had earlier been granted regular bail and had been appearing regularly before the trial Court, the petition, is accepted and interim directions issued vide order dated 18.3.2019 are made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioner shall appear and join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.
7. The present petition stands accepted accordingly.

August 26, 2019

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**(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No