

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

**CRM-M-33035-2019
Date of decision : 16.08.2019**

Manvir Singh

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

Present: Mr. Arunjeet Singh Kakkar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr.Saurav Khurana, DAG,Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner Manvir Singh has filed present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in FIR No.87 dated 15.04.2019 under Sections 363/366-A/120-B IPC, registered at Police Station City Faridkot, District Faridkot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that in statement under Section 164 Cr.P.C. the prosecutrix has not made any allegation against the petitioner for committing sexual abuse upon her. He further states that the prosecutrix has given her age as 19 years in her statement. The moment petitioner came to know that she was not of marriageable age he did not proceed with the idea of marrying her and now she stands recovered and is staying with her parents i.e. the complainant. He is in custody since 16.04.2019.

Learned State counsel does not dispute the custody of the petitioner.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Nothing has been pointed out by learned State counsel that the victim was ever sexually exploited by the petitioner. The allegation against him is that the victim ran away with the petitioner so as to solemnise marriage but when the petitioner came to know that she was not of marriageable age, they did not proceed with the idea of marriage. He is in custody since 16.04.2019. Considering all the facts above, this Court finds that the petitioner deserves to be admitted on bail.

Therefore, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court.

However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner influences the prosecution witnesses in any manner directly or indirectly, the prosecution shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of his bail.

The observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case and the trial Court shall decide the case without being influenced with these observations in any manner.

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No