

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

CRM-M-17166-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision : 31.08.2020

Gurpreet Singh @ Gopi

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Amandeep Singh Manaise, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner prays for bail pending trial in a criminal case arising from FIR No.133 dated 28.08.2019 registered under Sections 376/363/366-A/120-B of the Indian Penal Code and Section 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, at Police Station City Batala, Police District Batala, District Gurdaspur.

As per the case of the prosecution, the first informant's daughter had left the home on 01.04.2019 without informing anybody. Later on, the first informant found that the son of her sister had enticed her away.

The petitioner is in custody since 28.08.2019. The FIR was registered after a delay of five months. Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that neither the first informant nor her daughter is not coming forward to depose in the Court, although opportunity has already

been granted.

Learned counsel for the State does not dispute this fact.

Without commenting on the merits of the case and keeping in view the facts of the case, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed.

31.08.2020

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No