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**205IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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Date of decision: 14.12.2020

Janak Rani @ Janko and another

.....Petitioners

vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present: Mr. Rajesh Kapila, Advocate, for the petitioners.
Mr. Sidakmeet Singh Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.
Mr. Jasdev Brar, Advocate, for the complainant.

DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (ORAL)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

Through the present petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. the petitioners seek the grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.124 dated 03.07.2020 registered under Sections 363, 366-A, 120-B, 376 IPC and Sections 6 and 7 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (Amended), 2012, 2019, at Police Station Guru Harsahai, District Ferozepur.

Briefly stated, the case of the prosecution is that on 28.06.2020 Rohit enticed the complainant's daughter-Muskan on the pretext of solemnisation of marriage with her and petitioners who are the mother and sister of Rohit assisted him in such act.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that Rohit and Muskan are married; after marriage both of them approached this Court

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through CRWP-4410 of 2020 – *Muskan and another v. State of Punjab and others* in which petition on 03.07.2020 this Court granted them protection against the complainant party; only because the petitioners are related to Rohit they have been falsely implicated in the present case and that under the interim orders passed by this Court the petitioners have not only joined the investigation but have also fully co-operated with the investigating agency.

Learned State counsel on instructions of ASI Mohinder Singh admits to the fact that the petitioners have joined the investigation; they have co-operated with the investigating agency and that their custodial interrogation is not required.

After considering the totality of the above facts especially the statement made by the learned State counsel that the petitioners have joined the investigation and their custodial interrogation is not required, the order of this Court dated 26.10.2020 granting ad-interim anticipatory bail to the petitioners is made absolute.

Nothing observed herein-above shall be considered to be an expression of opinion by this Court on the merits of the case.

December 14, 2020
R.S.

(Deepak Sibal)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No