

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

**CRM-M-54234-2019(O&M)
Date of decision: - 03.02.2020**

Satpal Singh @ Satti

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Amaninder Singh Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Through the instant petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C., the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 213 dated 21.11.2019 registered under Sections 377, 120-B, 34 IPC and Section 4 of The Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act, 2012 at Police Station Sadar Faridkot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner has been nominated in the present FIR on the hearsay, whereas the petitioner has no role to play in the alleged occurrence. The petitioner was not present at that time, when the alleged occurrence took place.

Learned State counsel states that the victim was of 9 years of age at the time of occurrence and this offence has been committed at the instance of the petitioner.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

As the petitioner was involved in the present case on the basis of hearsay and was not present when the occurrence took place, therefore, the bail is granted to the petitioner.

It is ordered that the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so, in the event of arrest, the petitioner be released on bail to the satisfaction of Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Disposed of accordingly.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

03.02.2020
Mangal Singh

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No