

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-2332-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 03.03.2021

PRINCE

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Atul Goyal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 194 dated 12.09.2020, under Section 366-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('IPC' – for short) (Section 376 IPC and Section 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, added later on), registered at Police Station Division No. 2, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged by the complainant that his daughter had been enticed away by the petitioner. He, however, contends that the daughter of the complainant and the petitioner had performed marriage and they had been given protection by this Court in CRWP No.7098 of 2020 on 14.09.2020. He also contends that the daughter of the complainant in her statement recorded under Section 164 of the Cr.P.C. had stated that she had performed marriage with her consent. A copy of the statement is at Annexure P6.

This Court, by the order dated 28.01.2021, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from SI Manjinder Kumar, states that the petitioner has joined the investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 28.01.2021 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

03.03.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No