

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

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CRM-M-3596-2021

Date of decision : 22.02.2021.

Lakhwinder Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Simranjeet Singh Sarwara, 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. 247 dated 07.12.2020, under Section 376(2)(N) of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Amargarh, District Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that the petitioner had developed physical relations with the complainant on the pretext of marriage, but refused to marry her. It is also stated that they were in a relationship for a period of five years. He, however, contends that there is no allegation that the petitioner had intended to deceive the complainant at the time of entering into relationship with her. He has relied upon the judgment of the Supreme Court in the case of **Pramod Suryabhan Pawar v. The State of Maharashtra and another, 2019 (3) SCC (Criminal) 903**. He also contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case.

This Court, by order dated 27.01.2021 had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the

event of his arrest, he was ordered 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 Karanjeet Singh states that although the petitioner has joined investigation but the allegations are serious. He has filed reply by way of an affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division, Ahmedgarh, district Sangrur in Court through e-mail, which is taken on record.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation , the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 27.01.2021 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

February 22, 2021

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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No