

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-19758-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 26.05.2021

SANDEEP KAUR

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Impinder Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.220 dated 13.11.2020, under Sections 363, 366-A and 120-B IPC (Section 376 IPC and Sections 3 & 4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual offences Act, 2012 added later on), registered at Police Station Kabarwala, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is the sister of the co-accused namely Lovepreet Singh @ Lavi who is alleged to have eloped with the victim on the pretext of marriage. The petitioner is married and residing in her matrimonial home. He also contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR. She is in custody since 29.03.2021. He also contends that the petitioner is HIV+ by referring to the copy of the certificate at Annexure P-5.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Sukhdial Singh, contends that challan has been filed but charges are yet to be framed.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is not named in the FIR, she is in custody for almost 2 months, the COVID-19 pandemic and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on her furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

26.05.2021

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