

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-23329-2021

Date of Decision: 17.06.2021

HARDEEP SINGH @ BHONDU

.....Petitioner

V/s.

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL.

Present: Mr. Rajesh K Dadwal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition filed under section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1973 is for seeking anticipatory bail in a case FIR No. 81 dated 23.05.2021 (Annexure P-1) lodged under Sections 363, 366-A of the Indian Penal Code 1860 and Section 4 of the POCSO Act, 2012 registered at Police Station Mahilpur, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that a false and fabricated case has been foisted upon the petitioner at the behest of the father of the prosecutrix who happens to be a police official. Learned counsel has further submitted that in fact the petitioner and the prosecutrix had been in a relationship which was not acceptable to the family of the prosecutrix and it was thus, under the pressure of her family, prosecutrix got the FIR in question registered against him after leveling all kinds of false allegations. In support of his averments learned counsel has invited the attention of this Court to Annexure P-2, which are the photographs of the prosecutrix with the petitioner to contend that it was very apparent that it

Heard.

It is not disputed that the age of the prosecutrix is 17 years and 4 months. Even in her statement recorded under Section 164 of the Cr.P.C, specific allegations have been leveled against the petitioner of trying to forcibly develop physical relations with the prosecutrix.

Prime facie, there are serious allegations leveled against the petitioner in the FIR in question for which he does not deserve the concession of anticipatory bail.

Dismissed.

June 17, 2021

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**[MANJARI NEHRU KAUL]
JUDGE**

<i>Whether speaking / reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes /No.</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>