

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

CRM-M- 25997-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 13.07.2021

(Heard through VC)

Prince alias Ranjha

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Surinder Garg, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab

Mr. Lalit Chander Sharma, Advocate
for respondent Nos. 2 and 3.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 161 dated 23.05.2020 under Sections 363, 366-A of Indian Penal Code registered at Police Station City Faridkot, District Faridkot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the FIR. It is argued that the petitioner and respondent No. 3 Kajal, who was a minor at the time of the incident, were in love and infact solemnised a marriage and started residing together. However, on registration of the FIR, she was recovered on 13.02.2021 and was taken away by her father. It is submitted that in fact she gave birth to a

baby girl, who is currently in the custody of family members of the petitioner herein. It is submitted that in fact the challan stands presented, therefore, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner would no longer be required.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State, on instructions from the Investigating Officer opposes grant of regular bail to the petitioner while pointing to the seriousness of allegations levelled against him, however, she does not dispute the fact that the challan stands filed.

At this stage, learned counsel for the private respondents would affirm that the matter stands compromised between the parties and the daughter of the complainant is residing in her matrimonial home and they have no objection in case the petitioner herein is granted regular bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have also perused the paper book. Since the trial is likely to take some time to conclude owing to present COVID-19 pandemic situation and the matter has been compromised between the parties and the challan stands presented, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars any longer. The instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on his execution of adequate personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, any observation made herein shall not be construed to be an expression on merits of the case.

13.07.2021

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No