

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

**209**

**CRM-M-26833-2021  
Decided on : 02.11.2021**

Mangal Singh

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent(s)

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

**(Through Video Conferencing)**

PRESENT: Mr. Mukesh Singla, Advocate  
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab  
assisted by ASI Shinder Pal Singh.

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**MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)**

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No. 0049, dated 08.05.2021, lodged under Sections 363, 366 of IPC (added later on Sections 341, 323, 346, 120-B of IPC), registered at Police Station Sadar Jagraon, District Ludhiana (Rural) (Annexure P-1).

It was the case of the prosecution that the petitioner was neither named in the FIR in question nor was he attributed any role in the alleged occurrence. The petitioner was arrayed as an accused after 45 days of the alleged occurrence on the statement of the complainant recorded under Section 161 Cr.P.C., wherein, she merely alleged that the petitioner was the mastermind behind the abduction of the daughter of the complainant.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that pursuant to order dated 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2021, passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined investigation.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Shinder Pal Singh, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and has apprised the Court that his custodial interrogation is not required.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2021, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)**  
**JUDGE**

**November 02, 2021**

*J.Ram*

*Whether speaking/reasoned:*      *Yes/No*

*Whether Reportable:*              *Yes/No*