

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

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**CRM-M-29164-2021
Decided on : 14.12.2021**

Pinky alias Veena Rani

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

PRESENT: Mr. Manpreet Singh Dua, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab
assisted by ASI Jagtar Singh.

Mr. Gurinder Singh, Advocate
for the complainant.

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. 102, dated 03.07.2021, lodged under Sections 363, 366-A, 34, 354-A of IPC and Section 8 of the POCSO Act, 2012 (added later on), registered at Police Station Kot Ise Khan, District Moga (Annexure P-1).

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the said matter and had no role to play in the alleged abduction of the daughter of the complainant. While drawing the attention of this Court to the contents of the FIR, learned counsel contends that it stood reflected therein that the daughter of the complainant while leaving the house had taken along a gold bangle + Rs. 98,000 in cash, which in turn clearly indicated that she had left her house of her own accord. Still further, learned counsel argued that the daughter of the complainant had

given a statement on 04.07.2021, wherein, she categorically stated that she did not want to accompany her father and her uncle. A prayer has, therefore, been made to make the interim order dated 27th July, 2021, absolute, as the petitioner had joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency, coupled with the fact that the petitioner's son Karan, who allegedly abducted the daughter of the complainant already stood arrested.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Jagtar Singh, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation. He, on instructions submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation, much less, custodial interrogation.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 27th July, 2021, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

December 14, 2021

J.Ram

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