

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

CRM-M-34051-2021

DECIDED ON: 31st August, 2021

Gurpreet Singh @ Gota

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Jashan Jot Singh, Advocate for petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

This petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is filed seeking regular bail in case of FIR No.7 dated 19.1.2021, under Sections 354-A IPC and Section 12 of the Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, registered at Police Station Sadar Ahmedgarh, District Sangrur.

Brief facts are that Mamta Rani lodged an FIR alleging that her seven year daughter (victim) disclosed that Gurpreet Singh @ Gota (petitioner) on 15.1.2021 and earlier two times had shown her photos and videos on his mobile phone set. The details of the videos shown to the victim are mentioned in FIR but the same are not being detailed in the order. Statement under Section 164 Cr.P.C. was recorded where victim stated that apart from showing objectionable videos, she was made to touch the private parts of the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 19.1.2021, investigation is complete.

Learned State counsel vehemently opposes the prayer for grant of bail. She submits that this is second bail application. Earlier bail application was dismissed as withdrawn on 24.5.2021 and there is no change in circumstance.

Allegations against the petitioner are serious. The victim is seven years old child whereas the petitioner is aged 35 years. The allegations have been supported in the statement made under Section 164 Cr.P.C. The victim and complainant are yet to be examined.

No ground is made out for grant of bail.

Dismissed.

31st August, 2021

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**(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes*

Whether reportable *Yes*