

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

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**CRM-M-39945-2021(O&M)
Decided on : 11.10.2021**

VISHAL

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

PRESENT: Mr. Munish Gulati, Advocate
for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 438 CrPC for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.15 dated 10.01.2020 under Sections 354-A(1)(i), 34 and 506 of the IPC (Sections 8 and 10 of POCSO Act deleted later on) registered at Police Station Division No.7 District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel has invited the attention of this court to the contents of the FIR annexed as Annexure P1 with this petition. He submits that false allegations have been levelled against the petitioner of stalking the victim aged 14-15 years on 31.12.2019 while she and her friends were celebrating New Year's Eve and he along with his friends subjected her to sexual harassment by making obscene signals. Learned counsel submits that the allegations levelled in the FIR cannot be believed that the petitioner would have mustered the courage to indulge in such obscene behaviour, that too in the presence of the friends and mother of the victim.

Heard.

In view of the fact that similarly situated co-accused has been declined the concession of anticipatory bail by this Court and also the fact that *prima facie* there are serious allegations levelled against the petitioner of stalking and indulging in inappropriate and obscene behaviour with the victim, aged about 14-15 years, this Court is not inclined to extend the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Petition stands dismissed.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

October 11, 2021

S.Sharma(syr)

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*

Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*