

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-40963-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 25.01.2021

KULWANT SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Piyush Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumr, DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.145 dated 29.07.2020, under Sections 363, 366-A and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Ferozepur, district Ferozepur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR by the complainant that his daughter, who was over 17 years of age, had been enticed by the petitioner. He, however, contends that the daughter of the complainant had attained the age of majority and has filed an affidavit stating that she had not developed any physical relation with the petitioner till the age of 18 years. He also contends that as per Aadhar Card, the date of birth of the daughter of the complainant is 15.11.2002 which has been recorded in the order of the Additional Sessions Judge, Ferozepur dated 30.06.2020.

This Court, by the order dated 16.12.2020 had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Joginder Singh, states that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 16.12.2020 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

25.01.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No