

CRM-M-446-2022

Date of decision: 12.05.2022

KULDEEP SINGH

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Present: Mr. B.S.Aulakh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, AAG, Punjab.

VIVEK PURI, J. (ORAL)

On 17.02.2022, the following order was passed:-

“Petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.158 dated 11.07.2021 under Sections 363, 366-A, IPC, registered at Police Station Lehra, District Sangrur.

The FIR has been registered on the basis of the statement of the brother of the victim alleging that the victim is aged about 16 years and has been kidnapped by the petitioner on the pretext of solemnizing marriage.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the victim in her statement under Section 164 Cr.P.C. has stated that she had voluntarily left her house of her own, the allegations of kidnapping has not been levelled and even there is no allegation to the effect that the petitioner has sexually abused her.

On the instructions from ASI Jagsir Singh, learned State counsel has not disputed the aforesaid factual aspects.

Adjourned to 12.05.2022.

Meanwhile, the petitioner shall join the investigation and would come present as and when called for and in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. The

petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in pursuance of interim directions issued by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

On instructions from ASI Jagsir Singh, learned State counsel has not assailed the aforesaid factual aspects and states that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

In view of the aforesaid submissions, the order dated 17.02.2022, 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.

The petition is allowed.

12.05.2022
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(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

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