

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

CRM-M-6618 of 2022 (O&M)

DECIDED ON: 7th April, 2022

Gurpreet Singh @ Gota

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Sukhwinder Singh, Advocate for
Mr. R.S. Mehta, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

This is third petition seeking regular bail in case of FIR No. 7 dated 19.1.2021 under Section 354-A of IPC, 1860 and Section 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual offence Act, 2012, registered at Police Station Sadar Ahmedgarh, District Sangrur (Now District Malerkotla).

First bail petition was dismissed as withdrawn with liberty to revive the prayer. The second petition was dismissed by a reasoned order considering the nature of allegations and the fact that the victim and complainant are yet to be examined.

It is argued by learned counsel that the change in circumstance is that victim and complainant have been examined. On a pointed query from the Court as to whether they have supported the allegations, learned counsel for the petitioner is not in a position to demonstrate that the allegations have not been supported by victim and complainant.

Learned State counsel opposes the prayer and submits that the petitioner has not approached this Court with clean hands. In the petition it is

mentioned that the petitioner is not involved in any other case, whereas as per the custody certificate, he is involved in FIR No. 4/2019 and he was granted bail, in the said FIR.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering the seriousness of the allegations, age of the victim and acts attributed to the petitioner coupled with the fact that relevant information regarding involvement in another FIR was withheld, the petition is dismissed.

7th April, 2022
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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>