

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

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**CRM-M-9430-2022
Decided on : 07.03.2022**

Bhupinder Singh @ Sona @ Bhupinderjit Singh

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

PRESENT: Mr. Bikramjit Singh Bajwa, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 76, dated 31.03.2021, under Sections 363, 366, 376, 506 IPC and Section 4 of the POCSO Act, 2012, registered at Police Station Beas, District Amritsar (annexed as Annexure P-1).

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the victim was not a minor as alleged in the FIR in question, but was an adult of more than 18 years of age. However, since family of the victim was averse to her relationship with the petitioner, a false and fabricated case was planted upon him on the allegations that the victim was kidnapped and enticed away to an unknown place and thereafter, her person violated upon by the petitioner. It was also submitted that subsequent to the registration of the FIR, the victim had been married to an unknown person, which further lends credence to the fact that the victim was not a minor as had been alleged in the FIR. Still further, learned counsel submitted that after the registration of the aforementioned FIR, a compromise too had been effected between the parties.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the material on record.

The allegations levelled against the petitioner in the FIR in question, are serious in nature coupled with the fact that the victim while getting her statement recorded under Section 164 Cr.P.C., had reiterated the allegations of rape against the petitioner, as a result of which, this Court does not deem it appropriate to extend the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Dismissed.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

March 07, 2022

J.Ram

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*
Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*