

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

(Sr. No. 203)

CRM-M No. 19691 of 2022

Date of decision : 18.10.2022

Gurlal Singh @ Lalli

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present : Mr. Sarvesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Navneet Singh, Senior DAG, Punjab.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for the grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 0229 dated 20.12.2019 registered under Sections 363, 366-A IPC and Sections 4 and 8 of POCSO Act, 2012 at Police Station Lopoke, district Amritsar Rural.

On 09.05.2022, this Court had passed the following order : -

“Learned counsel for the petitioner inter-alia contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case at the behest of the complainant as the petitioner and the alleged victim got married on 21.03.2020 against the wishes of her parents; due to threats by the complainant, the petitioner and the alleged victim had jointly sought and got protection from the Punjab Human Rights Commission; out of the wedlock of the petitioner and the alleged victim a child was born to them on 12.02.2022 and that the petitioner is also ready and willing to join and cooperate with the investigation.

Mr. Rajesh Bansal, Advocate appearing for

respondent No.2 the alleged victim acknowledges the afore facts submitted on behalf of the petitioner.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Gunkirat Kaur, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

For arguments, adjourned to 20.07.2022.

In the meanwhile subject to the petitioner's joining investigation as and when called by the investigating agency as also abiding by the other conditions provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C, in the event of his arrest in FIR No.229, dated 20.12.2019, registered under Sections 363, 366-A IPC & Sections 4 & 8 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 at Police Station Lopoke, District Amritsar Rural, he shall be released on ad interim anticipatory bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer."

Learned State counsel submits that under the afore-quoted order passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined and cooperated with the investigation and that his custodial interrogation is not required by the State.

After considering the submissions made on behalf of the petitioner in the afore-quoted order and the statement made on behalf of the State, the interim order of this Court dated 09.05.2022 granting ad interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is ordered to be made absolute.

18.10.2022

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**(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No