

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

CRM-M-45094-2021

Date of decision : 13.05.2022

Sandeep Kumar

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Rahul Bhargava, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rakeshinder Singh Sidhu, AAG, Punjab.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.10 dated 06.02.2021, under Sections 363, 366-A of Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Section 376 IPC and Section 4 of POCSO Act added later on vide order dated 10.05.2022), registered at Police Station Nurmahal, District Jalandhar Rural.

Vide order dated 15.12.2021 while granting interim protection, the petitioner was directed to join investigation.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that pursuant to order dated 15.12.2021, petitioner has joined the investigation and as such, his interim bail may be made absolute. He has also submitted that subsequent to granting interim protection, fresh offences under Section 376 IPC and Section 4 POCSO Act were added and application was filed for adding these sections as well in this FIR. He has submitted that vide order dated 10th May, 2022, the interim protection granted earlier was made applicable to the petitioner under the newly added sections as well. He has submitted that the petitioner has already joined

investigation and he would be bound by the terms and conditions imposed by this Court.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Nachhattar Singh, submits that though, the petitioner has joined investigation, however, he would be required again as the new offences are added.

This Court has already allowed the addition of the fresh offences in this petition and the interim protection granted was also made applicable under added Sections. In view of the submissions made by counsel for the parties, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the petitioner to abide by the terms and conditions of the order dated 15.12.2021. The investigation agencies are at liberty to conclude the investigation as in accordance with the law.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

13.05.2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No