

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

Sr. No.210

CRM-M-685-2023

Date of Decision: 13.01.2023

Navdeep Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. Jaswinder Singh Grewal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kunal Vinayak, AAG, Punjab.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (ORAL)

This is a petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking grant of regular bail in case FIR No.53 dated 12.05.2018, registered under Sections 376, 342, 354, 294, 500, 506 of IPC and Section 6 of POSCO Act (charges framed under Sections 376, 506, 341, 354, 294, 342 of IPC and Section 6 of POSCO Act) at Police Station Nurpur Bedi, District Rupnagar.

2. As per allegations in the FIR, the prosecutrix alleged that some two years back, co-accused Simranjit Singh allured her on the pretext of marriage and developed physical relations. He also clicked her objectionable photographs and continuously raped her by threatening to upload those photographs on the internet. He shared those photographs with the petitioner-Navdeep Singh also. Thereupon, the petitioner also started blackmailing the prosecutrix, and raped her too.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that on a statement having been suffered by the prosecutrix that she has compromised the matter with Simranjit Singh, the latter was granted anticipatory bail by

the trial Court vide order dated 29.08.2018. He further submits that the prosecutrix has married Simranjit Singh and a child is also born out of the wedlock.

4. Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Avtar Singh, states that all the witnesses have been examined and trial is at final stage. Only on account of interim stay on passing of the final order granted by this Court in CRR No.3114 of 2019, the matter has not been finally decided.

5. In view thereof, when all the witnesses have been examined and the matter remains pending only for passing of final order, this Court feels no purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody. Accordingly, he is ordered to be released on regular bail on furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

6. Petition stands allowed.

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

13.01.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No