

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

(231)

CRM-M-6946-2023.

Date of Decision:-14.02.2023.

Akash Mehra

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Ms. Amandeep Kaur, Advocate for
Mr. Subhash Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Arun Gupta, AAG, Punjab.

ALOK JAIN, J. (Oral)

The present petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.187 dated 08.11.2022 under Sections 363, 366-A of IPC, registered at Police Station Bullowal, District Hoshiarpur.

Custody certificate filed by the learned State counsel is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has vehemently argued that the allegations levelled in the FIR against the petitioner are absolutely vague and evasive and the only line written is, that the complainant has come to know that after his daughter eloped with one Rafi, shelter was given to them by the petitioner. There is no proof with regard to the same and it is only a hearsay assumption of the complainant. She further submits that the petitioner is a 19 year old boy and has no criminal antecedents and is in custody for the last more than 03 months and 05 days. She further

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submits that in fact the mobile phone of the petitioner has also been taken by the Investigating Agency and it has not come on record that there was any communication by the petitioner with the said person. It is further submitted that there is a delay of 07 days in lodging the FIR.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Surinder Pal, has opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case, it is a fit case where the petitioner is entitled to the concession of regular bail.

The petitioner has been in custody since 10.11.2022. Trial is likely to take long time. Therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

In view of the above, without commenting upon the merits, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

However, nothing stated above shall be construed as a final expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

February 14, 2023.

Sandeep

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