

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

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CRM-M-8554-2023
Date of decision: 22.02.2023

Harjit Singh @ Happy

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Rajan Singh Dadwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking concession of interim bail in case FIR No.7 dated 12.01.2021 under Sections 363 and 366 of the IPC (Sections 376, 354 and 366-A of the IPC and Section 10 of the POCSO Act, 2012 added lateron) registered at Police Station Sri Kiratpur Sahib, District Rupnagar, for two weeks so as to attend the marriage of both his sister and brother, which is to be solemnized on 26.02.2023 and 27.02.2023 respectively at Sri Anandpur Sahib.

Learned State counsel on instructions has verified that the marriage of the sister and brother of the petitioner is indeed to be solemnized on 26.02.2023 and 27.02.2023 respectively at Sri Anandpur Sahib.

On a pointed query put to the learned State counsel as to what was the stage of the trial, he on instructions has apprised the Court that all the material witnesses including the prosecutrix stand examined. He has also not disputed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the last date of hearing that all the material witnesses

including the prosecutrix while stepping into the witness box failed to support the case of the prosecution and as a result of which, they were declared hostile.

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

In the facts and circumstances as enumerated hereinabove, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on interim bail for a period of two weeks from 23.02.2023 to 09.03.2023 to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

The petitioner shall surrender back to the jail authorities concerned on 09.03.2023 before 05:00 P.M.

22.02.2023

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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