

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

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CRM-M-15586-2023

Date of Decision:-11.04.2023

MANPREET SINGH

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr.Lovepreet Singh Sidhu, Advocate for
Mr.Parampreet Singh Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr.Arun Gupta, AAG Punjab

ALOK JAIN, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.116 dated 07.09.2022 under Sections 363 and 366-A of the IPC (Sections 458/346 and 120-B IPC, added later on), registered at Police Station Jaitu, District Faridkot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that as per the allegations levelled in the FIR, he is at parity with a co-accused namely Gurpreet Singh, who is the friend of main accused Arshpreet Singh @ Gulla and as per the allegations, the petitioner helped the main accused Arshpreet Singh in enticing away with the minor girl. He further submits that the co-accused namely Gurpreet Singh has been granted the concession of anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 07.02.2023 passed in CRM-M-6322-2023. He further submits that the petitioner is in custody since

06.11.2022.

Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate dated 10.04.2023, which is taken on record.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties and the fact that the petitioner is a young boy of 26 years old and is in custody since 06.11.2022 and also in view of the fact that the co-accused has been granted the concession of anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 07.02.2023 passed in CRM-M-6322-2023 and the trial is likely to take long time, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody.

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 two surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned. He shall, however, be released on the following conditions:

1. The petitioner shall declare his ordinary place of residence and the mobile number used by him.
2. He will not switch off his mobile and in case of any technical glitch, he has to give an alternate number, which will be available in his absence.
3. He will mark his presence before the SHO concerned, after every 15 days and in case the SHO refuses to mark his presence, he is permitted to make an application before the Illaqa Magistrate, concerned.
4. He will not leave the country without the prior permission of the Court, for which he will submit the copy of his passport also.

The petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions as imposed in addition to Section 439 of Cr.P.C.

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

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

11.04.2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether Reportable:- Yes/No