

MANGA SINGH @ MANPREET SINGH

VERSUS

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, DAG, Punjab.

VIVEK PURI,J. (ORAL)

1. Custody certificate of the petitioner has been placed on record.
2. Manga Singh @ Manpreet Singh-petitioner is seeking regular bail in the case bearing FIR No.272 dated 02.11.2022 under Sections 363/366-A IPC, 1860 registered at Police Station Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.
3. Briefly, the FIR has been registered on the basis of the statement of mother of the victim stated to be aged about 15 years alleging that on 01.11.2022, the victim went missing from the house.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in her statement under Section 164 Cr.P.C, the victim has not attributed any allegation against the petitioner. The arrest of the petitioner was effected on 04.11.2022 and is not involved in any other case. Though, he is involved in a case under NDPS Act but is on bail in that case. The investigation of the case is complete and challan has been presented.
5. Learned State counsel has submitted that the victim was aged about 15 years and she was recovered from the house of the petitioner. However, it has not

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been disputed that in the statement under Section 164 Cr.P.C, the victim has not attributed any allegation against the petitioner.

6. It is significant to note that in her statement under Section 164 Cr.P.C, the victim has not attributed any allegation against the petitioner. In the statement, it is emerging that she had gone to house of her friend. However, in the said statement she has not imputed any allegation with regard to threat, force, pressure, allurement exercised upon her at the instance of the petitioner. The arrest of the petitioner was effected on 04.11.2022. The investigation of the case is complete and challan has been presented. The conclusion of trial is likely to take sometime. No fruitful purpose will be served by detaining the petitioner in further custody. As such, sufficient mitigating circumstances are made out to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner.

7. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing requisite bail bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

8. The petition is allowed accordingly.

15.11.2023

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JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No