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2023:PHHC:081939

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-29885 of 2023

Date of Decision: June 12, 2023

Pappu Ram

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. S.S. Sahu, Advocate for the petitioner.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(Oral)

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C is for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.125 dated 24.05.2022 registered under Sections 363, 366-A, 376, 120-B IPC and Sections 3, 4, 6 of POCSO Act, at Police Station City Malout, District Shri Muktsar Sahib.

2. Allegations are that Mandeep Kumar (son of petitioner) enticed away minor daughter of the complainant on the pretext of marriage. On recovery, the girl made a statement against Mandeep Kumar and also disclosed that his parents i.e. petitioner and his wife had asked her not to make any statement against Mandeep Kumar. It is contended by learned counsel that there is no allegation of rape or any provision attracting the POCSO Act against the petitioner. Besides, similarly placed co-accused Lajwanti, wife of the petitioner has already been allowed bail by this Court in CRM-M-21675 of 2023 on 05.05.2023.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. M.S. Tiwana, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent- State. Custody certificate has been placed on record

revealing that petitioner is in custody for the last 03 months and 19 days and has no criminal antecedents.

5. Learned State Counsel does not dispute the factual position as pointed above.

6. Having regard to the role attributed to the petitioner, the present petition is allowed. Petitioner is admitted to bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate.

June 12, 2023
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(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

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