

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.208

CRM-M-42747-2022

Date of Decision: 05.01.2023

Navjot Singh @ Jot

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. Angraze Singh Dhindsa, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kunal Vinayak, AAG, Punjab.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking grant of regular bail in case FIR No.155 dated 28.10.2021, registered under Sections 363 and 366-A of IPC (Sections 376, 343, 346, 506, 120-B of IPC and Sections 3 and 4 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 added later on) at Police Station Jaito, District Faridkot.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has placed reliance on the order passed by this Court dated 25.08.2022 (Annexure P-6) granting regular bail to the main accused Ajit Singh @ Jugnu. He has further submitted that allegations against the petitioner are that he helped the main accused in kidnapping the prosecutrix.

3. It is not in dispute that the complainant, i.e., the alleged victim's father, the alleged victim and victim's mother while appearing before the trial court as PW1 to PW3 respectively, have testified that the main accused Ajit Singh @ Jugnu has not committed the offences alleged, and the victim

has not been able to recognize the main accused/Ajit Singh @ Jugnu. The said witnesses could not identify the petitioner either.

4. As per custody certificate placed on record by learned State counsel, the petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year, 01 month and 19 days. He is not accused of any other criminal offence. Besides, 32 prosecution witnesses still remain to be examined. It is, therefore, apparent that trial is not likely to conclude soon.

5. In view of the above and without commenting upon the merits of the case, this Court deems it appropriate to grant regular bail to the petitioner to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

6. Ordered accordingly.

7. Petition stands allowed.

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

05.01.2023

Maninder

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