

2024:PHHC:032921

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

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**CRM-M-11949-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 07.03.2024**

MOHAMMAD AKRAM

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN

Present:- Mr. Karan Bhardwaj, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Himani Arora, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. R.S. Sidhu, Advocate
for the complainant.

HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition is for grant of interim bail of 15 days to the petitioner in FIR No.39 dated 08.04.2023 registered under Sections 376(2) a, b (f, i, j,k) IPC and Section 4 of the POCSO Act, 2012 (later converted into Section 6 of the POCSO Act, 2012) at Police Station City-2, Malerkotla on the ground that the petitioner intends to attend the wedding of his brother's daughter, which is scheduled for 08.03.2024.

2. Copy of the marriage invitation (Annexure P-4) reflecting the date of marriage is part of the paper book.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody since 08.04.2023. He further contends that though the regular bail petition of the petitioner has been dismissed by this Court vide order dated 24.01.2024 (Annexure P-7), however during the pendency of the said petition, the

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petitioner was granted the concession of interim bail as per order dated 11.08.2023 passed by a Coordinate Bench of this Court (Annexure P-5). He submits that the petitioner has not misused the concession of interim bail granted to him and surrendered on 25.08.2023 in compliance of the said order.

4. Learned State counsel has verified about the marriage and has submitted a report to Station House Officer, Police Station City-2, Malerkotla along with the statements recorded for the purpose of the said verification.

5. Learned counsel for the complainant opposes the bail petition on the ground that the petitioner has not approached the trial Court and regular bail petition of the petitioner has already been dismissed by this Court.

6. Keeping in view the fact that the petitioner wants to participate in the marriage of the daughter of his near relative, as such, the present petition is allowed.

7. The petitioner is granted interim bail for a period of one week w.e.f. today subject to furnishing adequate bonds/surety to the satisfaction of the trial Court/CJM, concerned. The petitioner would surrender before the trial Court on 14.03.2024.

8. All pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stands disposed of.

9. Copy of this order be given to learned counsel for the petitioner under the signatures of Bench Secretary.

**(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE**

07.03.2024
P.Bhatt

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