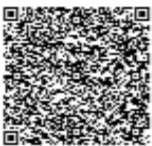


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AT CHANDIGARH

2024:PHHC:123606



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DATE OF DECISION : 18.09.2024

SANDEEP SINGH ALIAS SUNNY ... PETITIONER
V/S
STATE OF PUNJAB ... RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN

Present: Mr. Gurminder Singh Salana, Advocate and
Mr. J.S. Salana, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab.
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HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking regular bail in case FIR No. 20 dated 10.04.2024 under Sections 363, 366-A IPC (Section 366-A IPC deleted subsequently and Section 366 IPC added subsequently), registered at Police Station Sadar Ahmedgarh, District Malerkotla.
2. Status report by way of affidavit of Manavjit Singh Sidhu, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Ahmedgarh, District Malerkotla has been taken on record.
3. I have heard the counsel for the parties.
4. As per the status report, the present case was registered on the basis of the statement of the brother of the victim, who alleged that on 09.04.2024, the victim got missing from her house. Initially, the FIR was registered under Sections 363, 366-A IPC. On 11.04.2024, the complainant made a supplementary statement before the Investigating Officer that he had

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come to know that the victim has been enticed away by the present petitioner Sandeep Singh @ Sunny on the pretext of marrying her.

5. Learned State counsel has informed that the victim was produced before the Investigating Officer on 11.04.2024. In the statement of the prosecutrix recorded before the Area Magistrate under Section 164 Cr.P.C. on 12.04.2024, the victim had stated that she went willingly along with the petitioner to Amritsar. Both had gone to Amritsar by train and stayed there and thereafter on 10.04.2024 they went to Ludhiana and a relative had brought them back at the house of the present petitioner. As per the status report, the victim had refused for her medical examination in the presence of her brother when she was taken to Civil Hospital, Malerkotla on 12.04.2024 and the custody of the minor victim was handed over to her brother.

6. The investigation of the case is complete, final report/challan under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has already been presented, charges have been framed. The conclusion of the trial is going to take time. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court concerned.

7. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

18.09.2024

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**(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No