



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-44984-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision:10.09.2024

Suraj Singh @ Suraji ...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab ...Respondent

Coram : Hon’ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : Mr. Benant Noor Singh Marok, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. I.P.S Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 483 of BNSS with a prayer to grant interim bail to him for a period of 14 days to attend his marriage.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the present petitioner has been falsely involved in the present case, which was registered on 22.03.2014. After the registration of the case, the petitioner went abroad in the year 2015 and vide order dated 31.08.2015, the petitioner was declared a procalimed offender in the present case. From 2015 till August 2024, petitioner stayed in Germany and he returned India in August 2024 to perform marriage with Priya Kumari daughter of Sh. Gurnam Singh Maan. The petitioner was arrested on 27.08.2024 and is in custody since then. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the marriage of the petitioner is fixed on 11.09.2024 and he may be granted the concession of interim bail.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. I.P.S Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and submits that the petitioner was declared a proclaimed offender in the present case on 31.08.2015 and after a long period of 09 years, he has been arrested on 27.08.2024. Learned State counsel further submits that the application for interim bail has been rightly rejected by the Additional Sessions Judge, Jalandhar by observing that there is a possibility of his absconding after the marriage. Learned State counsel further submits that the local police has verified the facts and the marriage of the petitioner is scheduled to be held on 11.09.2024 at Gumber Resorts, Jalandhar Kala Sanghian Road, Village Nijran

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

6. In the present case, the FIR was registered against the petitioner on 22.03.2014. Even the petitioner was aware of the pendency of the criminal case against him, still he left India in the year 2015 and was declared as a proclaimed offender on 31.08.2015. In the month of August 2024, when he returned back to India to perform marriage, he was arrested by the police on 27.08.2024 and is in custody for the last about 02 weeks. Now, he has filed the present petition with a prayer to grant the concession of interim bail on the ground that he has to perform marriage with Priya Kumari on 11.09.2024. However, I find sufficient force in the submissions made by learned State counsel that there are chances of absconding, on the pretext of attending his marriage.

7. Consequently, the present petition is partly allowed and the petitioner is permitted to attend the marriage ceremonies in custody itself from 09:00 AM to 01:00 PM on 11.09.2024 at the expenses of the petitioner.

8. The Superintendent Central Jail, Kapurthala is directed to make necessary arrangements to take the petitioner to Gumber Resorts, Jalandhar Kala Sanghian Road, Village Nijjran well in time and he shall be taken back to jail at 01:00 PM on 11.09.2024, after attending the marriage cermonies.
9. The Senior Superintendent of Police, Kapurthala is directed to provide the necessary police force to the Superintendent Central Jail, Kapurthala, for compliance of the present order.
10. Disposed of.
11. Pending application(s), if any, stand(s), disposed of, accordingly.

10.09.2024
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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