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

CRM-M-20588-2025

Date of Decision:- 16.07.2025

GAGANDEEP KAUR AND ANOTHER

....Petitioners

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

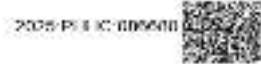
CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Tanvir Joshi, Advocate for petitioners.
Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

1. Petitioners have filed instant petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.5 dated 05.02.2025 under Sections 96, 137, 61 (2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 registered at Police Station Lakhewali, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

2. Facts of case are, complainant 'SK' gave her statement that her husband was doing labour work and he had gone to Rajasthan about one year ago. He is mother of a daughter aged 17 ½ years old i.e. victim studying in Government Girls School, village Lakhewali. On 29.01.2025, she returned from School. At night time, she along with her daughter went to sleep in their rooms. In the morning when she woke up, she noticed that victim was not present in her room. On inquiry at her own level, she came to know on 05.02.2025 that she was taken away by 'JS'. Parents of boy namely

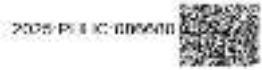


Gagandeep Kaur and Surjit Singh @ Jugnu also helped their son in the commission of this offence. With these allegations, present FIR has been registered.

3. Learned counsel for both the petitioners i.e. parents of main accused argued that allegations levelled against them are false. Victim categorically stated before the Magistrate that she has left the house with her sweet will. No force was used on her. Their son 'JS' is already arrested by the police and he was sent to Juvenile Home. Petitioners are ready to join the investigation as and when required. They have fully cooperated with the investigating agency, therefore, their anticipatory bail application may be allowed.

4. Detailed status report has been filed. It is pointed out that in pursuance of order dated 21.04.2025 passed by this Court, petitioners have joined investigation on 13.05.2025. Statement of victim was recorded before Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Sri Muktsar Sahib. She has not levelled any allegations against present petitioners. Victim was handed over to her mother on 03.03.2025. It is argued that considering the gravity of offence, petitioners are not entitled to be released on anticipatory bail.

5. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record. I have also carefully perused the statement of the victim recorded before Magistrate (Annexure R-1). Both the victim and main accused are minor. Present anticipatory bail application is filed by parents of the boy. In pursuance of order dated 21.04.2025, they have joined the investigation. They are not required for any other purpose. The alleged victim is also recovered. Therefore, without expressing my mind on the merits,



anticipatory bail application filed by petitioners i.e. Gagandeep Kaur and Surjeet Singh is allowed. They be not arrested. In case of their arrest, they be released on bail to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer concerned, subject to condition that petitioners will join investigation as and when required. They will not tamper with or interfere with investigation and will not leave country without prior permission as provided under Section 482 (2) of BNSS, 2023.

6. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

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