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

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Date of Decision:- 04.09.2025

Lovedeep Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:-HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. A.K. Agnihotri, Advocate for
Mr. Rajiv Kumar Saini, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Amrit Kaur Mahir, AAG, Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.(Oral)

1. Petitioner – Lovedeep Singh has filed 2nd petition under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail in FIR No. 47 dated 27.02.2020 under Section 302/363/366/384/473/201/120-B of IPC and Section 25, 27, 29 of Arms Act registered at Police Station Ranjit Avenue, District Police Commissionerate, Amritsar.

2. Facts of the case are that Pargat Singh – complainant gave his statement to the police that his daughter Anmol Kaur after doing her 10+2 was pursuing the course of beauty parlour with Orane Academy Mall Road, Amritsar. She used to go to Amritsar by school bus at 08:00 A.M. and used to return home by 03:00 P.M. On 26.02.2020, she left the house as per her routine. At about 09:10 A.M, the complainant's wife namely Paramjit Kaur received a call from mobile phone of her daughter and one person disclosed that he had found the mobile phone at Loharka Road. He told her to take



back the said mobile phone. She informed her husband i.e. complainant. On this, he inquired from the driver of the bus namely Gurnam Singh who disclosed that Anmol Kaur alighted from the bus at Vishal Mega Mart, Ranjit Avenue for purchasing certain articles. It was also informed by the Academy that she did not attend the Academy on that day. He checked the mobile phone of her daughter and found that she had a Whatsapp chat with mobile phone number 97433762282. The complainant suspected that the person having the aforesaid number must have kidnapped his daughter by giving her allurement of marriage. He tried to search for his daughter but could not locate her. The case was registered under Section 363, 366 IPC. The investigation was started. The statement of Hardy Singh was recorded who had found the mobile phone of Anmol Kaur bearing sim number 6284762464. During further investigation, it was found that one Alto car was involved and the boy sitting in it had thrown the mobile phone outside the window. There was one sticker 'AF' on the said car. During investigation, the wife of complainant further disclosed that she had received a call raising demand of ransom of Rs. 20 lacs. Supplementary statement of complainant was recorded in which accused Lovedeep Singh was named who wanted to marry the victim to which the victim did not agree. During further investigation, statement of Jasbir Singh and Ranbir Singh were also recorded. The accused was arrested on 29.02.2020 and as per his disclosure statement in the presence of Naib Tehsildar Ratan Jeet, dead body of the victim was recovered from a deserted house. The weapon of offence and the Alto car used in the occurrence were also recovered. After completion of investigation, accused Lovedeep Singh, the present



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petitioner along with Sartaj Singh, Sukhchain Singh and Pardeep Singh were arrested and challaned in this case.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner mainly argued second regular bail petition on the ground of long custody. He was arrested in this case on 29.02.2020 and till date he is behind the bars. His second regular bail application was declined by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Amritsar vide order dated 23.03.2023 (Annexure P-2). Prior to this, he had filed regular bail petition in this Court which was declined on 02.02.2023 in CRM-M-29942-2021 (Annexure P-3). It is submitted that trial may take more time. He cannot be kept behind the bars for indefinite time period. Therefore, his second regular bail petition may be allowed.

4. Bail petition is opposed by learned counsel representing State. Status report has been filed. In the case in hand, challan was presented on 11.05.2020 and charges were framed on 01.06.2022. At present 32 prosecution witnesses have been examined, out of list of 44 prosecution witnesses. There are serious allegations against petitioner. Considering the gravity of offence, petitioner is not entitled to be released on bail.

5. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record carefully. It is matter of record that petitioner is behind the bars since 29.02.2020. He is facing charges under Section 120-B, 302, 363, 366, 384, 201, 473 of IPC and Section 27, 29 of Arms Act. Allegations against petitioner are serious in nature. Earlier regular bail petition filed by petitioner was declined by this Court by passing detailed speaking order dated 02.02.2023. Prosecution case is based on the testimony of witnesses as well as circumstantial evidence. Weapon of offence and vehicle used in



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occurrence were also recovered. Dead body of deceased victim was recovered in the presence of Naib Tehsildar. Considering the facts and circumstances of case, I do not find merits in present 2nd regular bail petition filed by petitioner Lovedeep Singh and same is, accordingly, dismissed.

Since, petitioner is behind the bars for a long period, learned trial Court is directed to expedite the trial and to dispose of the same preferably within four months.

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

04.09.2025

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