



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

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CRM-M No.32288 of 2025

Date of Decision :17.06.2025

Deep Singh**.....Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab****..... Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL**

Present: Mr. C.S.Singhal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Shiny Chopra, AAG, Punjab.

VIKRAM AGGARWAL, J. (Oral):

This is the first petition, preferred under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of regular bail in FIR No.07, dated 03.02.2024 under Sections 363, 366 IPC (New Section 137(2), 87 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023) registered at Police Station Aur, District SBS Nagar.

2. The FIR was registered on a statement given by one Jaswant Kaur, as per which on 03.02.2024, some unknown persons had kidnapped her granddaughter (minor female child) on the false pretext of marrying her, with an intent to outrage her modesty. The petitioner is stated to have been arrested on 05.02.2024. The victim was recovered and is now stated to be living abroad.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated. He submits that the alleged victim is now living abroad and despite repeated opportunities she has not appeared before the trial Court to depose. He submits that the petitioner is in custody since 05.02.2024; he is a young boy of 22 years of age and long incarceration would not be in his



interest; the trial will take a sufficiently long time to conclude, and, therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody any longer.

4. Per contra, learned State counsel has opposed the prayer.

5. I have considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties.

6. The interlocutory orders passed during the course of trial have been produced during the course of hearing, which have been perused. Charges were framed on 09.05.2024 after which the matter has been adjourned number of times but the victim has not been examined. Attempts were made to examine her by way of Video Conference which is evident from a perusal of the orders dated 04.02.2025, 18.02.2025 and 03.03.2025. However, the fact remains that she has not yet been examined.

7. The petitioner is in custody since 05.02.2024. The petitioner is also a young boy and in the considered opinion of this Court, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody any longer.

8. In view of the aforementioned facts and circumstances, 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 on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, SBS Nagar.

(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)
JUDGE

17.06.2025

Manoj Bhutani

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