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

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Reserved on : 13.11.2025

Pronounced on: 14.11.2025

Jaskaran Singh

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & anr.

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Shailender Kadian, Advocate
for the petitioner.

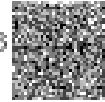
Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG Punjab.

Mr. Prince Pushpinder Rana, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL, JUDGE

1. Petitioner seeks regular bail in FIR No.161 dated 17.07.2025 under Sections 137(2), 96 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Police Station City Jagraon, District Ludhiana. This is his first petition for regular bail.

2. Complainant, mother of the prosecutrix alleged that her youngest daughter 'S' aged 17 years 3 months was student of 12th class in Senior Secondary School, Jagraon. On 16.07.2025, as usual, her daughter Prabhjot Kaur and 'S' went to Jagraon on scooty and at about 08.00 AM Prabhjot Kaur left 'S' on Tehsil Chowk, Jagraon for going to school whereafter she parked her scooty and went to Ludhiana for duty. At about 10.00 AM, class incharge of the school telephonically informed that 'S' did not attend school. She immediately called Prabhjot Kaur, other relatives and friends, but 'S' could not be found. She stated that 'S' had been enticed away



on the pretext of marriage by Jaskaran Singh son of Shingara Singh.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner was falsely implicated and no offence under Section 137(2), 96 of BNS was committed by him. Prosecutrix in her statement under Section 183 BNSS stated that she had gone with Jaskaran Singh of her own free will to Moga and thereafter, to Bathinda and on advice of Jaskaran Singh's sister, they met the police. He further submitted that petitioner was behind bars w.e.f. 17.07.2025 and conclusion of trial may take long. No useful purpose would be served by keeping him behind the bars. Prayer was made for release of petitioner on regular bail.

4. Learned State counsel has opposed the prayer for bail arguing that investigation in the case was complete, challan had been presented, but witnesses were yet to be recorded. Considering the active role attributed to the petitioner, he did not deserve the concession of bail and his release may seriously prejudice prosecution case. Custody certificate has been placed on record.

5. Petitioner is in judicial custody in the case for the last more than 03 months. He is not involved in any other case. He has a fixed abode. There is no reason to believe that he would evade the process of law or tamper with evidence. Whether or not he indeed induced or enticed away the prosecutrix, would be a matter of trial. Further detention of the petitioner is not warranted. Considering the entire factual scenario of the case and the period of custody petitioner has undergone, but without expressing any opinion on merits, the petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to



the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

6. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, stand disposed of.

14.11.2025
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(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

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