



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

207

CRM-M-53207-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 11.11.2025

DILPREET SINGH

PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Malkiat Singh, Advocate
(through video conferencing) and
Ms. Rubi Khokhar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG Punjab.

Shalini Singh Nagpal, J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner seeks regular bail in FIR No.008 dated 18.02.2025 under Sections 137(2), 96 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (B.N.S.), 2023, Police Station Kacha Pacca, District Tarn Taran. This is the first petition for regular bail.
2. Complainant, father of the prosecutrix, alleged that on 17.02.2025, when he and his son were away for work and returned home at 06:00 P.M., his minor daughter 'M' aged 16 years was missing. Inquiries were made in the neighbourhood but she could not be found. He firmly believed that Dilpreet Singh s/o Tirath Singh, resident of Manihala Jai Singh, District Tarn Taran, had allured his daughter and taken her to some unknown place on the pretext of marriage.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner who committed no offence was in custody for the last seven months. Challan had



been presented and charges were yet to be framed. Antecedents of the petitioner were clean and he deserved to be released on regular bail.

4. Status report has been filed by the respondent-State. Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for regular bail, arguing that even in her statement under Section 183 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (B.N.S.S.), 2023, the prosecutrix deposed regarding involvement of the petitioner.

5. Statement of the prosecutrix under Section 183 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (B.N.S.S.), 2023 is on the lines that she had gone with Dilpreet Singh with her free will. She herself went to Amritsar and stayed there for three days and thereafter, they stayed at Darbar Sahib. She met Dilpreet Singh in the year 2023. Thereafter, they had frequent conversations.

6. Petitioner is a youthful offender. He has a fixed abode. There is no reason to believe that he will evade the trial or misuse the liberty of regular bail. He is behind bars for last 7 months. Conclusion of trial will take long. Considering all relevant facts and circumstances of the case 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.

7. Pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

11.11.2025
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned :
Whether Reportable :

Yes/No
Yes/No