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

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Date of Decision:- 05.04.2025

**NACHHATTAR SINGH**

....Petitioner

Vs.

**STATE OF PUNJAB**

...Respondent

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI**

Present:- Mr. Ajay Pal S. Gill, Advocate and Mr. Ripudaman S. Brar,  
Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Japjot Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Kanwaljeet Singh Brar, Advocate for the complainant.

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**AMARJOT BHATTI, J. (Oral)**

1. Petitioner has filed instant petition under Section 483 Bharatiya  
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail in FIR No.141 dated  
09.07.2024 under Sections 74, 78, 79, 87, 351 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita,  
2023 (Sections 3 and 4 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act  
were added later-on) registered at Police Station City Kotkapura, District  
Faridkot.

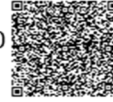
2. Facts of the case are complainant gave his statement that the  
victim, his daughter is approximately 18 years of age. His children studied  
at Dasmesh Public School, Pratap Nagar, Kotkapura. About 2 years ago, his  
daughter i.e. victim informed that a boy named Nachhatar Singh used to



harass her since she was studying in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Initially he called her sister and gradually their relationship turned into love. He started threatening her and used to warn her that she could not marry anyone. Complainant approached the family of accused who apologized. Complainant suspected that they were still in contact with each other. He was not sure what was going on in the mind of his daughter. On 03.07.2024 she informed that Harjinder Kaur (mother), Paramjeet Kaur (sister of Nachhatar Singh) visited their house in their absence and tried to convince the victim to marry Nachhatar Singh. Their 80 years old mother was present in the home who refused to the said proposal. Nachhatar Singh started blackmailing his daughter. He wanted to marry her forcefully. He also created fake Instagram ID and kept the password with him. He defamed her. With these allegations, present FIR has been registered.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner argued that alleged victim and the petitioner were having love affair. They used to call each other and shared whatsapp chat. Allegations levelled against the petitioner are false. Even otherwise, petitioner was arrested in this case on 09.07.2024. Challan is already presented and charges are framed. Victim is also examined before the trial Court. He is ready to abide by the terms of bail order. It is submitted that his regular bail application may be allowed.

4. Bail application is opposed by learned counsel for the complainant and learned State counsel. As per the status report, petitioner was arrested on 09.07.2024 and was joined in the investigation. His mobile phone was recovered. Investigation was completed and challan was

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presented on 07.09.2024. Charges were framed on 07.10.2024 and out of 18 prosecution witnesses, 7 witnesses have been examined and 10 witnesses were given up. Cross-examination of PW1 was deferred. Therefore, he can influence the witness.

5. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record carefully. Trial in this case is under progress. Learned trial Court has sent copy of statement of victim recorded as PW1. Cross-examination of prosecutrix was concluded on 02.12.2024. Therefore, at this stage, there is no possibility that petitioner can influence the alleged victim. Petitioner is behind the bars since 09.07.2024. No purpose would be served by keeping him behind the bars for indefinite time period. Therefore, without going on the merits of the case, regular bail application filed by petitioner is allowed and he is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Judge, concerned. Petitioner is further directed to furnish undertaking before the trial Court that he will not contact the prosecutrix directly or indirectly in any manner.

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

**(AMARJOT BHATTI)**  
**JUDGE**

**05.04.2025**

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