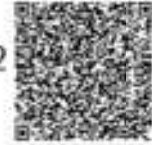


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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH**

2026.PHHC.079062



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**Anil Bangar****..Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab and another****..Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL**

**Present:** Ms. Sheena Khanna, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG Punjab.

**SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL, J.**

1. Petitioner seeks regular bail in case vide FIR No. 63 dated 23.04.2022, under Sections 363, 366 IPC, 1860, Police Station City Nawanshahar, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar. Offences under Section 376, 323, 120-B 2012 of IPC and 6 of POCSO Act were added in FIR lateron. This is the first petition for regular bail.

2. Complainant stated that her daughter 'SK' who was 17 years old, student of 10+2, left home on 21.04.2022 at around 2:00 a.m. without informing anyone. On search of the house, they found one gold set weighing 5 grams, 2 bangles 3 grams, one gold bracelet, three rings, four chains including pendent, two small rings, one set of tops, a set of tops, three ladies earrings, a set of little earrings and around Rs. 1 lakh cash missing from the

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house. Anil Bangar son of Pardeep Kumar had taken away his daughter 'SK' on false promise of marriage. In doing so his mother Amarjit Kaur and sister Navpreet Kaur encouraged and helped him. Those three together ruined the life of his minor daughter. Missing jewellery and cash from the house were also with those three.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner was behind bars from 24.08.2024. Petitioner and prosecutrix were in consensual relationship. No human semen was detected on the material sent for DNA test. Prosecutrix had been examined during trial, therefore, petitioner was not in a position to influence her. He had clean antecedents. Co-accused had already been allowed bail.

4. Learned State counsel has filed status report and opposed the prayer for regular bail on the ground that petitioner induced and kidnapped minor daughter of the complainant and committed rape. He was declared a proclaimed offender on 05.01.2023 and was later arrested on 24.08.2024. Out of 35 witnesses, 4 had been examined including the prosecutrix and 6 had been given up, remaining 25 witnesses were yet to be recorded. Considering the serious nature of allegations against the petitioner, he did not deserve the concession of bail.

5. Notice to respondent No.2 has been duly served but none has appeared on her behalf.

6. Petitioner is behind bars w.e.f. 24.08.2024 i.e. for the last more than 1 years and 9 months. His antecedents are clean. There is no other case registered against him. Prosecutrix has been recorded in the case as PW3, 25 witnesses are yet to be examined. Conclusion of trial is likely to take long.

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Apprehension of the prosecution that petitioner would obstruct the trial or influence the witnesses, thus cannot subsist. Considering the number of remaining witnesses, conclusion of trial by an early date does not appear to be a possibility. Petitioner has a right to speedy trial under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. Considering the period of custody, the fact that prosecutrix stands examined, but without commenting on merits, 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.

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

**(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)**  
**JUDGE**

**20.05.2026**

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes  
Whether reportable : No