

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2026:PHHC:045930



CRM-M-14346 of 2026 (O&M)

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Gurtej Singh

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Shahid Anwer, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG Punjab.

Mr. Sameydeen, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL, J.

Petitioner seeks regular bail in case vide FIR No. 180 dated 13.10.2025, under Sections 137(2), 96 BNS (Section 363, 366-A IPC) Police Station Dakha, District Ludhiana Rural. This is the first petition for regular bail.

Complainant stated that his daughter 'S' born on 16.03.2009, left studies after 12th and remained at home. On 08.10.2025 when he was away to Ludhiana, his wife informed that at about 5:00 p.m. 'S' had gone somewhere without informing anyone. He returned and searched for her everywhere but could not find her. He learnt that 'S' was lured and taken away by Gurtej Singh s/o Charanjit Singh, on the pretext of marriage.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner was behind bars w.e.f. 13.10.2025. His antecedents were clean and there was no other case registered against him. Petitioner had been falsely implicated and had nothing to do with the offence. There was neither any eye witness nor any other witness to prove that he had enticed or taken away daughter of the complainant. Challan had already been presented in the Court and trial would take long, thus, the petitioner deserved to be enlarged on regular bail.

Learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for the complainant have opposed the prayer for regular bail, submitting that minor victim was not yet recovered and considering the nature of allegations against the petitioner he did not deserve to be enlarged on bail. It was submitted that during investigation it was revealed that petitioner had enticed away the prosecutrix on the pretext of marriage and left her in the house of Dilshad Khan on 09.10.2025, from where they went to Gurudwara Dukh Niwaran Sahib and stayed there for a night.

Petitioner is behind bars w.e.f. 13.10.2025. Antecedents of the petitioner are clean and he is not stated to be involved in any other case. Investigation of the case is complete. Prosecutrix has not been recovered till now, therefore, there is no prospect of the petitioner influencing her. Trial to conclude will take long. There is no reason to suspect that the petitioner would obstruct the course of justice or evade the process of law. Considering the period of incarceration and all relevant facts and circumstances of the case, 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

24.03.2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No