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

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Date of decision: 19.03.2026**HARDEEP SINGH @ LALLY****...Petitioner****VERSUS****STATE OF PUNJAB****...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL**Present: Ms. Vaishali Thakur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, DAG Punjab.

Mr. Ankit Sharma, Advocate
for the complainant.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL, J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioner seeks regular bail in FIR No. 116 dated 04.07.2025 under Section 79 Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 8 Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, Police Station Nangal, District Rupnagar. Offence under Section 8 POCSO Act was deleted from the FIR and Section 12 POCSO Act was added in the FIR during investigation. This is the first petition for regular bail.

2. Prosecutrix 'K' aged 17 years 09 months stated that she lived with her parents and brother. Her maternal uncle had been living with them since January 2025. On 30.01.2025, at about 10.00 PM, her maternal uncle committed wrong acts and molested her. In January 2025 again, he made wrong gestures and tried to call her near him but out of fear she called her mother, who made her sleep in her room. Her maternal uncle was addicted to liquor.



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Thereafter on 02.07.2025, she informed her father and came to report the matter.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner was behind bars for the last more than 08 months. The case was a fall out of an ongoing family dispute between the petitioner and his sister's family. As such, the petitioner be enlarged on regular bail.

4. Learned State counsel has opposed the prayer of regular bail arguing that offence was serious given the nature of allegations and statement of the prosecutrix recorded under Section 183 BNSS.

5. Mr. Ankit Sharma, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of complainant and filed his memo of appearance. He stated that matter has been settled and prosecutrix had no objection to release of the petitioner on bail.

6. Petitioner is behind bars w.e.f. 04.07.2025 i.e. for more than 08 months. He is not stated to be involved in any other case. Conclusion of trial is likely to take long as no witness out of total 14 has been examined. Considering the period of incarceration and all relevant facts and circumstances of the case but without commenting on merits, the petition is allowed. Petitioner-Hardeep Singh @ Lally 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 miscellaneous applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

MARCH 19, 2026

Ajay Goswami

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

: Yes/No
: Yes/No