

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-50329-2025 (O&M)
Decided on : January 09, 2026

MEENA
Versus
STATE OF PUNJAB
... Petitioner
... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE KIRTI SINGH

Present: Mr. Rajender Pal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Aakanksha Gupta, AAG, Punjab.

KIRTI SINGH, J. (Oral)

The jurisdiction of this Court under Section 483 BNSS has been invoked for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.1 dated 08.02.2022 under Sections 376, 384 and 120-B of IPC; Sections 3, 4 5 and 6 of Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 (Sections 342, 354-A, 354-C and 328 of IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Rawalpindi, District Kapurthala.

At the outset, learned State counsel submits that the trial is at the fag end, as all the prosecution witnesses stands examined before the learned trial Court and now the case is fixed for defence evidence.

Pertinently, *prima facie* allegations levelled against the petitioner are of confining the prosecutrix, assaulting her and pushing her into prostitution. It is the further allegation that whenever she resisted, the prosecutrix was subjected not only to beatings, but also threats of releasing her objectionable photographs online. Allegedly, the petitioner and the co-accused also got solemnized the marriage of the prosecutrix with multiple individuals, whereafter she was made to blackmail the groom side with an objective of usurping money from them.

In view of the gravity of the allegations, and given the fact that the trial is nearing conclusion, since only defence witnesses remain to be examined, this Court is not inclined to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner at this stage.

Accordingly, the instant petition is dismissed.

However, learned trial Court is encouraged to conclude the trial expeditiously, preferably within a period of three months hereafter.

Pending application(s), if any, also stands disposed of accordingly.

January 09, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No

(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE