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

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Date of Decision:- 17.02.2026

Gurdit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:-HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Nippun Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

1. Petitioner – Gurdit Singh has filed 2nd petition under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail in FIR No. 48 dated 26.03.2025 under Section 137(2) and 96 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 registered at Police Station Model Town, District Ludhiana, Punjab (Annexure P/1).

2. As per the facts of case, complainant 'SK' gave his statement that his youngest daughter 'K', aged about 14 years, date of birth 28.12.2010 had studied upto 7th class from Government Senior Secondary School, Manjit Nagar, Ludhiana. On 24.03.2025, he had gone for his duty and his wife and daughter were present in the house. At about 08:00 pm, he received call from his wife that their daughter had left the house at 04:30 pm on the pretext of meeting her friend and did not return home. They kept on searching for her and he came to know that she was enticed away by

Gurdit Singh on the pretext of getting married. With these allegations,



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present FIR was registered.

As per status report, prosecutrix was recovered on 28.03.2025 and her statement was recorded before the Magistrate under Section 183 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 on 29.03.2025. She was medically examined. Investigation was completed and challan was presented in Court.

3. Learned counsel representing petitioner pointed out that earlier regular bail petition filed by petitioner was declined by this Court vide order dated 04.09.2025 passed in CRM-M-38423-2025 (Annexure P-2). Again, his fourth regular bail application was declined vide order dated 03.10.2025 by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Fast Track Court, Ludhiana (Annexure P-9). At present, there is change of circumstances. Statements of complainant 'SK', prosecutrix and her mother have been recorded as PW-1 to PW-3, which are Annexures P-5 to P-7 respectively, where they did not support prosecution case. He was arrested in this case on 28.03.2025. He is ready to abide by terms of bail order. Therefore, his regular bail petition may be allowed.

4. Bail petition is opposed by learned counsel representing State. As per status report, FIR is lodged on the statement of complainant 'SK', levelling serious allegations against present petitioner. At the time of occurrence, prosecutrix was minor. Investigation was completed and challan was presented in Court on 09.05.2025. Charges were framed on 01.09.2025. Report of Forensic Science Laboratory is yet to be received. Considering the gravity of offence, second regular bail petition filed by petitioner is opposed.



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5. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record carefully. First regular bail petition filed by petitioner bearing CRM-M-38423-2025 was declined vide order dated 04.09.2025 (Annexure P-2), as at that point of time, trial was at initial stage. Now, testimonies of material witnesses have been recorded i.e. complainant 'SK' as PW-1, prosecutrix as PW-2 and mother of prosecutrix as PW-3, which are Annexures P-5 to P-7 respectively, where they did not support the allegations against petitioner. Report of Forensic Science Laboratory is still awaited. Petitioner is behind the bars since 28.03.2025. Trial in this case may take some time. Evidence will be appreciated by trial Court at appropriate stage. Therefore, without expressing my mind on merits of case, regular bail petition filed by petitioner is, accordingly allowed. He is ordered to be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Judge concerned.

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

17.02.2026

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