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

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Date of Decision:-11.02.2026

Sharanjit Singh

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:-HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. J.S.Thind, Advocate and
Mr. Divyanshu Bansal, Advocate
for petitioner.

Mr. Ekom Pal Sagoo, AAG, Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

1. The petitioner – Sharanjit Singh has filed second petition under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail in FIR No.53 dated 30.04.2024, under Sections 376, 354, 506 of IPC, 1860 and Section 4 and 6 of POCSO Act, 2012, registered at Police Station Chatiwind, District Amritsar (Annexure P-1).

2. As per facts of the case, complainant 'RB' gave her statement that her husband is running a shop of electrical goods and utensils. Their godown is situated near their house in which there is one bedroom. She is mother of two children. Her elder daughter victim 'A S' was about 15 years of age studying in 10th class and younger one is son. Her nephew Ashwani Kumar also resided in the same house. On 19.04.2024, after taking dinner

they went to sleep. Her son, daughter i.e. victim and nephew went to sleep



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towards the godown. At about 2:15 AM, she heard shrieks and when she woke up she noticed that her daughter was not on her bed. She along with her nephew Ashwani went to see her and found Sharanjit Singh was making an attempt to commit rape with her daughter. On hearing the noise of their feet, he put on his clothes and ran away towards staircase. Her daughter was weeping and she was under fear. She further disclosed that the accused had committed rape upon her earlier also. Initially, they did not talk about this occurrence to anybody. The accused started blackmailing her daughter and thereafter the matter was reported to the police.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner pointed out that he was arrested in this case on 30.04.2024 and since then he is behind the bars. His first regular bail petition bearing No. CRM-M-1759-2025 was declined by this court vide order dated 26.03.2025 (Annexure P-3). On the ground of long custody, second regular bail petition is filed. The allegations levelled against him are false. In fact they were in consensual relationship. The photographs are Annexure P-6. It is further pointed out that there is delay in lodging the FIR. Statements of material witnesses have been recorded. He cannot be kept behind the bars for indefinite time period. Therefore, his second regular bail petition may be allowed.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel representing the State opposed the regular bail petition on the gravity of offence. It is pointed out that on completion of investigation, charge-sheet is presented and three material prosecution witnesses are already examined. Considering the gravity of offence, petitioner is not entitled to the relief of regular bail.

5. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the



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record carefully. It is a matter of record that first regular bail petition has been declined by this Court on merits, bearing No. CRM-M-1759-2025, vide order dated 26.03.2025 (Annexure P-3). As per the facts referred above, the victim was a young girl of about 15 years of age whereas the age of petitioner in the bail petition is mentioned as 24 years. There are allegations of forcible rape multiple times. The statement of the victim recorded under Section 164 Cr.P.C. is annexed with the status report. Statement of mother of the victim recorded as PW-1, cousin of the victim recorded as PW-2 are Annexure P-5. The statement of victim recorded as PW-3 is also produced. The aforesaid witnesses supported the prosecution case.

Considering the facts of the case and the gravity of offence, I am not inclined to grant regular bail to the petitioner and his second regular bail petition is accordingly declined. Petitioner is behind the bars since 13.04.2024. Considering the custody period, the trial court is directed to expedite the trial.

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

11.02.2026

*Sunil Devi***(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No