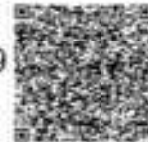


**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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Karambir**..Petitioner****Versus****State of Haryana****..Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL****Present:** Mr. Dikpreet Singh Virk, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, DAG Haryana.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL, J.

Petitioner seeks regular bail in case vide FIR No. 0144 dated 19.12.2024, under Sections 328, 376D, 354D, 450, 506 IPC, 1860 Police Station Bahin, District Palwal, Haryana. This is the second petition for regular bail. The first petition was dismissed as withdrawn on 09.09.2025.

Prosecutrix alleged in the FIR that Sonu son of Rajbir, her husband's friend used to visit their house. About 03 years ago, Sonu came with cold drink and cake, in the absence of her husband. She consumed the cold drink and became unconscious. When she regained consciousness, she was lying naked on the bed with Sonu. On inquiry, Sonu told her that he had taken her obscene photos and made obscene video. He threatened to make them viral and eliminate her husband and son, if she disclosed the incident to anyone. Thereafter, Sonu started blackmailing her and committed rape many

a times by threatening her with the pictures and videos. Whenever her husband was out, Sonu forcefully came to her house and committed rape under threat of making the pictures and videos viral. One day, Sonu brought Karambir son of Jagvir, resident of Bahin with him and told her that he had transferred her pictures and photos to his phone that she was required to have physical relations with him as well. When she refused, Karambir threatened to make her videos and photos viral and forcefully raped her. She did not tell anyone out of fear and shame. They also took about ₹1,00,000/- from her under threat. Even on the day of lodging FIR, Karambir and Sonu came to her house and tried to force themselves on her, on which she raised alarm. Her neighbours arrived, caught them and thrashed them. After a while, her husband also reached and called the police.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that no date, time or place of occurrence was disclosed in the FIR; that co-accused namely Sonu Rawat had been enlarged on regular bail by this Court vide order dated 19.11.2025 and the petitioner who is in custody for the last more than one year and one month, deserved to be enlarged on regular bail on parity.

Learned State counsel has filed status report along with custody certificate and has opposed the prayer for bail arguing that petitioner incollusion with co-accused committed rape with the victim by extending threat of objectionable photos and videos. No prosecution witness was examined and in case of release on bail, he may tamper with evidence and influence the witnesses. Moreover, he was also involved in another case vide FIR No. 434 of 2019, under Sections 25-54-59 Arms Act, Police Station Hodal, Palwal.

Co-accused Sonu Rawat has been enlarged on regular bail vide order of this Court dated 19.11.2025. Petitioner is in custody for the last more than one year. Prosecutrix is a 39 years old mature, married lady with a 15 years old child. During the course of investigation, police has failed to recover any obscene pictures or videos from the mobile phone of the petitioner. Whether he was indeed blackmailing the prosecutrix by threatening to make her videos and photos viral, would be moot point during the trial, conclusion of which will take long. As per history recorded in the medico legal report of the prosecutrix, the incident which prosecutrix disclosed in the FIR happened three years ago on which account neither her samples were taken nor sent to FSL. The history only records name of Sonu and name of petitioner is missing. Though petitioner is stated to be involved in FIR No. 434 of 2019, under Sections 25-54-59 Arms Act, Police Station Hodal, Palwal, he is on bail in that case. Mere involvement of the petitioner in another case cannot be a ground to decline bail. In 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

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes
Whether reportable	:	No