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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

(205)

CRM-M-3208-2025 (O&M) Date of Decision:-12.08.2025

Anmol Singh @ Tinda

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and Anr.

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. Sparsh Chhibber, Advocate

for the petitioner.

Mr. Sahil Chowdhary, AAG, Punjab.

ALOK JAIN, J.

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Application is allowed as prayed for.

Annexures P-9 is taken on record.

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- 1. The present petition has been filed *inter alia* praying for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.190 dated 11.10.2023, under Sections 452, 376 and 511 of IPC and Section 8 of POCSO Act registered at Police Station City-1, Sangrur.
- 2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the entire allegations levelled in the FIR are false and fabricated, and in fact, the petitioner has been implicated only due to his antecedents. Counsel further



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submits that the alleged incident never occurred, and the prosecutrix and the complainant have repeatedly changed their statements.

- 3. Vide order dated 30.07.2025, this Court had directed the learned State counsel to file the FSL report, which has been duly placed on record along with the status report filed by way of affidavit of Sh. Ranbir Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division, Sangrur, on behalf of respondent No.4–State, which is taken on record.
- 4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has also relied upon the testimony of PW-6/ASI Sukhpal Singh, in which it is specifically recorded that "it is correct that it is recorded in the statement of Sharanjit Kaur that nothing happened with her daughter/victim and their honour was saved."
- 5. A perusal of the FSL report also concludes that human semen and male DNA were not detected.
- 6. Learned State counsel has also filed the custody certificate, which is taken on record. According to the certificate, the petitioner has been in custody for the last 01 year and 9 months. As per the custody certificate, one more case bearing FIR No. 249 dated 15.11.2022 has been registered against the petitioner. However, counsel for the petitioner has placed on record a copy of the judgment dated 17.12.2024 passed in FIR No. 249 dated 15.11.2022, in which the petitioner has been acquitted.
- 7. Considering all the above, and the fact that the testimony of all material witnesses has already been placed on record and the medical report is also available, further incarceration of the petitioner would hinder



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his ability to prepare an effective defence. There is no flight risk or threat to the trial, much less any pressure or coercive influence on the witnesses, as the material witnesses have already been examined. Since the trial is likely to take some time, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody. Hence, the petitioner is entitled to the concession of regular bail.

- 8. Without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail if not required in any other case by furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/CJM, concerned. He shall, however, be released on the following conditions:
 - i. The petitioner shall declare his ordinary place of residence and the mobile number used by him.
 - ii. The petitioner will not switch off his mobile and in case of any technical glitch, he has to give an alternate number, which will be available in his absence.
 - iii. The petitioner will not leave the country without the prior permission of the Court, for which he will submit the copy of his passport also. However, in case the petitioner does not possess a passport, then he shall file an undertaking to the said effect before being released.

The petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions as imposed in addition to Section 483 of BNSS, 2023.

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- 9. It is further made clear that, in case, the petitioner is found involved in any such activity once again, the State is at liberty to promptly move an appropriate application for cancellation of bail detailing out the circumstances and violation of conditions of bail.
- 10. However, nothing stated above shall be construed as a final expression of opinion on the merits of the case.
- 11. It is further made clear that this order shall not be construed as parity *qua* any other co-accused.

(ALOK JAIN) JUDGE

August 12, 2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No Whether Reportable:- Yes/No