

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

CRM-M-45914 of 2025(O&amp;M)

Reserved on: 09.09.2025

Date of Order: 10.09.2025

**Manjot Singh****..Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab****..Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL****Present: Mr. Rajeev K. Kapila, Advocate, for the petitioner.****Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, AAG, Punjab.****Mr. Inderpal Singh Deol, Advocate  
for the complainant.****SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL, JUDGE**

Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case vide FIR No.0107, dated 31.07.2025, under Sections 354, 354B, 506 IPC and Section 8 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, Police Station Bullowal, District Hoshiarpur. This is his first application for anticipatory bail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter-alia* argued that the petitioner had been falsely implicated in the case which was an out come of a relationship having turned sour. It was submitted that the complainant had agreed for marriage of her daughter with the petitioner after completion of 10+2 and after marriage, they were both to go abroad. Later, when petitioner and his family learnt about the affair of the prosecutrix with another boy, he stopped talking to her on which account complainant was furious and falsely implicated him. On 19.04.2025, petitioner moved representation to the village Panchayat, on record as Annexure P-4, requesting the Panchayat to

save him from the complainant. In fact, no such incident, as alleged, ever occurred. Complainant and her daughter had been attending functions in the family of the petitioner. It was submitted that custodial interrogation of the petitioner was not required and he was ready and willing to join investigation.

Learned State counsel has filed short reply, submitting that there was no agreement between the complainant and the petitioner regarding marriage of the prosecutrix. He further submitted that petitioner was 10 years older than the prosecutrix and in her statement under Section 183 Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, the victim child had levelled specific allegations of stalking, outraging modesty and sexual harassment .

As per allegations in the FIR, complainant's minor daughter was studying in 10<sup>th</sup> class and taking tuitions from one Baljit Kaur, sister of the petitioner. Earlier also, petitioner had been making obscene gestures and in February, 2024, after tuition, petitioner entered the room where the victim was sitting alone, removed her t-shirt forcibly and did obscene act by disrobing her. He also took her photographs and captured a video, threatening to kill her and her brother if she disclosed the incident to anyone. It is further averred that the petitioner took the minor victim in a car and forcibly took selfies with her, threatening to make her photos and videos viral. Fed up, the victim stopped going for tuition. After class 10th, she started going to Hoshiarpur for tuition. One day, petitioner met her and again threatened to make viral her videos and photographs, if she did not talk to her family regarding their marriage. The photographs of her daughter were sent on the mobile phone of the complainant and her husband.

In her statement under Section 183 Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha

Sanhita, 2023 also, victim inculpated the petitioner and narrated the acts of sexual harassment and torture as per version in the FIR.

Considering the nature and substance of allegations against the petitioner, who is alleged to have sexually harassed and stalked the minor victim over a period of time, no ground to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail is made out. Allegations against him are serious in nature and the benefit cannot be extended merely because custodial interrogation of the petitioner may not be required.

Dismissed.

All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, stand disposed of.

**(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)**  
**JUDGE**

**10<sup>th</sup> September, 2025**  
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**Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No**  
**Whether reportable : Yes/No**