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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 05.05.2025

PAWANDEEP SINGH @ DHILLI ....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB ....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE **AMARJOT BHATTI**

Present: Mr. Vaibhav Narang, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vivek Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

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**AMARJOT BHATTI, J.**

Petitioner-Pawandeep Singh @ Dhilli has filed present petition under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in FIR No.189, dated 02.08.2023, under Sections 363 and 366 of IPC, (Section 376 of IPC and Section 6 of POCSO Act added subsequently) registered at Police Station Maqboolpura, District Amritsar.

2. As per facts of the case, complainant 'LK' gave her statement that she is having two daughters. On 01.08.2023, at about 5.00 p.m. the victim 'S' age 14 years left the house to buy some household articles and did not return home. On inquiry, she came to know that his daughter has been enticed away by Pawandeep Singh @ Dhilli on the pretext of marriage. With these allegations, present FIR has been registered. Initially, FIR was registered under Sections 363 and 366 of IPC (Section 376 of IPC and Section 6 of POCSO Act added subsequently).

As per status report, the victim returned home on 02.08.2023.



Her statement was recorded under Section 164 Cr.P.C. Accused was arrested on 04.08.2023. After completion of investigation, challan was presented on 29.09.2023.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner argued that present FIR has been registered due to some misunderstanding. In fact, the alleged victim was having affair with petitioner for the last about two years and they did not do any wrongful act. His regular bail application was wrongly declined by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Amritsar vide order dated 12.11.2024 (Annexure P-4). Learned counsel for petitioner has also placed on record statements of the prosecution witnesses i.e. statement of victim as PW-4, statement of her mother PW-5. Their examination in chief as well as cross-examination are Annexures P-2 to P-5 where they did not support the prosecution case. Petitioner is ready to abide by the terms of bail order. Therefore, his regular bail application may be allowed.

4. Status report has been filed, confirming the allegations detailed in the FIR. It is confirmed that after completion of investigation challan is already presented on 29.09.2023 and after framing of charge sheet on 08.11.2023, four prosecution witnesses have been examined. There are specific serious allegations against the petitioner. At the time of alleged offence, victim was minor. Considering the gravity of offence, petitioner is not entitled to release on regular bail.

5. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record. Petitioner was arrested on 04.08.2023 and till date he is behind the bars. Trial in this case is going on. Statements of victim as PW-4, mother of victim as PW-5 have been recorded which are annexed with the present bail application. Testimony of the prosecution witnesses will be considered

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at appropriate stage by the trial Court. Since, material witnesses have been examined, therefore, there is no chance that petitioner will be able to influence the other witnesses. Therefore, without expressing my mind on the merits of the case, regular bail petition filed by the petitioner – Pawandeep Singh @ Dhilli is 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.

**(AMARJOT BHATTI)**  
**JUDGE**

05.05.2025  
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| 1. Whether speaking/ reasoned | : | Yes /No |
| 2. Whether reportable         | : | Yes /No |