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

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CRM-M-17991-2025

Date of decision: April 02, 2025

JASKARAN SINGH

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Ms. Alisha Soni, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Deol, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.14 dated 18.02.2025 (Annexure P-1) under Sections 6 and 8 of POCSO Act, 2012, registered at Police Station Doraha, District Khanna.

2. As per the case of the prosecution, on 16.02.2025, the wife of the complainant discovered bloodstains on their 11-year old son's trousers while washing his clothes. Upon inquiry, the child disclosed that certain boys, including the petitioner, who were his schoolmates, had committed wrongful acts against him. The victim was subsequently taken for a medical examination at the Civil Hospital and based on his statement as well as the Medico Legal Report, the FIR in question (Annexure P-1) was registered.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has contended that the allegations in the FIR are false, fabricated and motivated by personal enmity. It is argued that the family of the complainant and the family of the



petitioner, being neighbours, have ongoing disputes, which have led to the false implication of the petitioner. Further, it is submitted that a scuffle had occurred at the school between the son of the complainant and other boys, which allegedly provided the motive for falsely implicating the petitioner. Learned counsel has also alleged that the petitioner is a habitual blackmailer attempting to extort money from the petitioner and other accused persons. It is further urged that there is no eye witness to the alleged sexual assault, and the petitioner has no prior criminal record, much less of a similar nature. Hence, the petitioner be extended the concession of anticipatory bail.

4. Notice of motion.

5. On the asking of the Court, Mr. H.S. Deol, Sr. DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State. On being put to notice, learned State counsel has opposed the prayer and submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner. He has submitted, on instructions, that the victim, an 11-year old school boy, has made a clear and specific allegation of sexual assault against the petitioner, which is *prima facie* corroborated by the medical report of the victim.

6. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material placed on record.

7. The allegations against the petitioner are specific and serious in nature. At this stage, the statement made by the complainant as well as the victim finds *prima facie* support from the Medico Legal Report. In view of the gravity of the allegations and the corroborative medical evidence, this



Court does not deem it fit to extend the extraordinary concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

8. Accordingly, the instant petition stands dismissed.

9. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

April 02, 2025
Jaspreet Kaur

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*

Whether reportable : *Yes/No*