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

(217)

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Date of Decision:-02.09.2025.

Parveen Kumar @ Happy

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. Pranav Chadha, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Japjot Singh, AAG, Punjab.

ALOK JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.135 dated 20.07.2024 under Sections 75, 76 and 137 of BNS, Section 8, 9 (m), 10 of POCSO Act, 2012, registered at Police Station City-2, Mansa, District Mansa (Annexure P-1).

2. Custody certificate filed by the learned State counsel is taken on record.

3. After taking through the FIR, learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that there is a delay of one hour in lodging the complaint, as in case there was any iota of truth in the allegations so levelled against the petitioner, the parents would have taken some action to find their daughter.

It is submitted that the petitioner has clean antecedents and there is no



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complaint made by the parents of any other students of the school who used to board the auto rickshaw of the petitioner regularly for going to school.

4. *Per contra*, learned State counsel has submitted that the allegations levelled against the petitioner are specific and serious in nature where the child of 8 years has been subjected to such kind of cruelty and modesty of the child has been outraged.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

6. Merely for the reason that the parents did not come to the Police Station for one hour cannot be a ground available to the petitioner as there is no delay in lodging the complaint and the same has been made immediately when the child came back after the said incident. Moreover, it is a specific case that the brother of the victim was also travelling in the same auto rickshaw, however, the petitioner dropped him at home and the petitioner had taken away the victim for more than one hour and the moment the child came back, she disclosed her parents about the alleged incident.

7. In light of the serious allegations levelled against the petitioner and the gravity of offence, this Court does not find any ground to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

8. Dismissed.

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

September 02, 2025.

S. Sethi

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether Reportable:- Yes/No