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

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Date of decision : 27.08.2025

Rajan Khan

..... Petitioner

V/S

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Mr. G.C.Shahpuri, Advocate for petitioner.

Ms. Aditi Girdhar, AAG, Haryana.

AMARJOT BHATTI J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioner- Rajan Khan has filed petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.54 dated 06.02.2024 (Annexure P-1), under Sections 363, 366 of IPC and Section 6, 17 of POCSO Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Ballabgarh, District Faridabad.

2. As per facts of case, complainant 'P' gave his statement that he is father of four children. His elder daughter i.e. victim 'R' aged about 15 years was studying in 9th class. On 04.02.2024 at about 10:00 AM, she left the house without informing anybody. Her whereabouts could not be located. Finally, the matter was reported to the police.

During investigation the victim was recovered on 11.02.2024 from village Sureer, Mathura, UP. Her statement was recorded at Police Station



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Ballabgarh, District Faridabad. She was medically examined at Civil Hospital Faridabad. Thereafter, her statement was also recorded under Section 164 Cr.P.C. The accused was arrested on 02.03.2024. On completion of investigation, challan was presented in the court.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner argued that main accused i.e. child in conflict with law was granted bail by learned Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board, Faridabad vide order dated 21.03.2025 (Annexure P-6) (wrongly mentioned as order dated 16.05.2025 Annexure P-8 in the previous order). Challan is already presented against co-accused. Present petitioner is falsely implicated in this case. He has no role to play in the alleged episode. In pursuance of order dated 08.08.2025, he has already joined the investigation and will abide by the terms of bail order.

4. Status report filed confirming the facts narrated in the FIR. On recovery of victim her statement was recorded on 12.02.2024 (Annexure P-2). Thereafter, she was produced before the Ilaqa Magistrate and her statement was again recorded under Section 164 Cr.P.C. (Annexure P-4). She was medically examined. Present petitioner is step father of the child in conflict with law. It is conceded that present petitioner has joined investigation in pursuance of order passed by this court on 08.08.2025 and he is not required for further investigation as per the instructions given by SI Sunita.

5. Considering the aforesaid factual position, petitioner has joined the investigation and fully cooperated with the investigating agency. He is step father of the child in conflict with law. No purpose would be served by sending the petitioner behind the bars. Therefore, anticipatory bail petition filed by petitioner is allowed. He be not arrested. In case of his arrest, he be released on bail to the

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satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer concerned, subject to condition that petitioner will join investigation as and when required. He will not tamper with or interfere with investigation and will not leave country without prior permission as provided under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

6. Pending application(s), if any, also stands disposed of accordingly.

**(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE**

27.08.2025.*Sunil Devi*

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