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Singh, resident of Kala Sanghian, Police Station Sadar Kapurthala, District Kapurthala, at that time resident of Uggi, Police Station Sadar Nakodar, District Jalandhar. Previously also, 06 months ago, similar incident took place. Mother of Harjot Singh namely Baljeet Kaur wife of Ranjit Singh had an active role in the elopement. Even now, Harjot Singh was acting on her encouragement.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there was a delay of 05 days in reporting the matter to the police. She further submitted that the main accused i.e. Harjot Singh had been declared proclaimed offender and petitioner had disowned him, fed up with his activities, much prior to the incident. She further argued that petitioner had been falsely involved and had nothing to do with the occurrence. It was submitted that prosecurix and Harjot Singh were just friends and there was nothing sexual between the two. Case was falsely registered as family of the prosecutrix was not happy with her association with Harjot. Learned counsel also placed on record copy of statement of PW-3 Ramesh Kumar Thakur, Manager, Continental Hotel, Nakodar, to support her contention that the case set up, was false. Petitioner, who was in custody w.e.f. 24.10.2024, deserved to be enlarged on bail.

Learned State counsel filed the status report and contested the prayer for bail. He submitted that information of the bail petition had been conveyed to the victim, who was now out of country. Referring to statement of the prosecutrix recorded under Section 164 Cr.P.C. and role attributed to the petitioner in the FIR, prayer was made for dismissal of



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the bail application.

Petitioner is a 43 years old lady. She is in custody for the last 11 months. As per FIR version, she had been encouraging her son, who eloped with the prosecutrix. Statement of the prosecutrix was recorded under Section 164 Cr.P.C. on 23.01.2024, in which she only stated that Harjot Singh's mother asked her to come back and give statement. Considering the role attributed to the petitioner, the period of incarceration undergone by her, the fact that she has no criminal antecedents and has a fixed abode, but without meaning to comment on the merits of the case, petitioner-Baljeet Kaur @ Baljinder Kaur is ordered to be released on regular bail on her furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

The petition is allowed.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

Reserved on: 28.08.2025

Pronounced on :29.08.2025

Ajay Goswami

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No