

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

CRM-M-16330-2015 (O & M)  
Date of decision:16.11.2015

Jagtar Singh

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA**

Present: Mr. JBS Gill, Advocate,  
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Ankur Jain, AAG, Punjab.

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**Rajan Gupta, J. (oral)**

This is a petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail to petitioner in a case registered against him vide FIR No.162 dated 05.09.2014 under Sections 376-D/342/343/201 IPC and Section 6 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, at Police Station Model Town, Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the prosecutrix has already deposed before the trial court and has not supported the prosecution version. Petitioner is in custody since September 05, 2014.

Learned State counsel has opposed the prayer for bail. He, however, does not dispute the period of incarceration of the petitioner.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and period of incarceration of the petitioner, I am of the considered view that no useful purpose will be served by detaining the petitioner any longer. The trial may take long time to conclude. Thus, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Hoshiarpur.

**(RAJAN GUPTA)**  
**JUDGE**

**16.11.2015**  
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