

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

**Criminal Misc. No. M-32449 of 2015
Date of Decision:-01.10.2015**

Raja

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

1. *Whether reporters of local newspapers may be allowed to see judgment?*
2. *To be referred to reporters or not?*
3. *Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

Present:- Mr. Jainainder Saini, Advocate for
Mr. Bikram Chaudhary, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manish Bansal, Deputy A.G., Haryana.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.15 dated 31.1.2015, under Sections 343, 366, 370 and 376 IPC, registered at Police Station Kalayat, District Kaithal during the pendency of the trial.

Learned counsel for the petitioner while relying upon Criminal Misc. No. M-16557 of 2015 titled 'Subhash vs. State of Haryana' decided on 17.8.2015 to contend that there is no allegation against the petitioner in the FIR regarding commission of offence under Section 376 IPC. The only allegation against the petitioner is that he facilitated the marriage of

the accused with the prosecutrix. The petitioner is in custody since 1.2.2015 and trial is not going to be completed in near future.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Gurdev Singh submits that as against the total 23 witnesses cited by the prosecution, as many as six witnesses have been examined.

Considering the only allegation against the petitioner that he was mediator in the marriage and no serious allegations have been levelled against him and coupled with the fact that as against the total 23 prosecution witnesses only six have been examined, the trial will take sufficient long time, the present petition is accepted and the petitioner is admitted on regular bail on furnishing of his bail bonds and surety bonds subject to satisfaction of the trial Court.

It is made clear that the observations made herein above shall not construed any expression on the merits of the case and the trial Court shall decide the case on the basis of available evidence on record.

Disposed of.

October 01, 2015
Vijay Asija

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE