

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-570-2015 (O & M)
Date of decision:07.04.2015

Dhanjit Singh @ Dhanna

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. D.S. Sandhu, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Shilesh Gupta, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

Rajan Gupta, J. (oral)

This is a petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to petitioner in case FIR No.50 dated 25.06.2014 registered against him under Sections 363/366-A/376/341/323 and 120-B IPC and Sections 4 and 8 of Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 at Police Station Begowal, District Kapurthala.

Learned counsel for petitioner submits that in the entire episode no role has been assigned to the petitioner. He is in custody since July, 2014 and trial has not made much headway.

Learned State counsel has opposed the prayer. According to him, name of the petitioner came up during investigation of co-accused. Charges have also been framed against him.

I have heard counsel for the parties.

Keeping in view facts and circumstances of the case, period of incarceration of petitioner and the fact that trial is proceeding at a snail's pace, I am of the considered view that no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner in custody any longer. Thus, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Kapurthala.

**(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE**

April 07, 2015