

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

CRM-M-24893-2016

Date of decision : 19.10.2016

PAWAN KUMAR

.....Petitioner(s)

versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANITA CHAUDHRY

Present: Mr. S.K. Sandhir, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. V.P.S. Sidhu, Asst. A.G. Punjab.

Mr. Ramandeep Singh, Advocate
for the complainant.

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ANITA CHAUDHRY, J(ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.55 dated 15.05.2014, registered under Sections 376,34, 506 IPC, Police Station Model Town, Ludhiana City.

The petitioner is in custody since 20.05.2014. Out of 15 witnesses only 04 witnesses have been examined. The petitioner is the main accused. The girl was just 15 years old. The prosecutrix was taken on the pretext that her father was in the hospital and was raped.

I am not inclined to grant bail. However, since the custody period is over two years it is a fit case in which directions should be given to the trial Court to expedite the trial and complete it within four months from the next date of hearing.

Zimni orders show that the defence counsel had been seeking

lot of adjournments at the time of framing of charge and thereafter as well. The cross-examination on the prosecutrix was completed on a number of dates. The defence would not seek adjournments.

The petition is dismissed with the above directions. Copy of this order be sent to the trial Court.

(ANITA CHAUDHRY)
JUDGE

19.10.2016
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No