

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Misc. No. M-31089 of 2016

Date of decision : 24.09.2016

Jagdish Kumar

... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANITA CHAUDHRY

Present: Mr. G.S. Verma, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr. V.P.S. Sidhu, AAG Punjab

ANITA CHAUDHRY, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No. 173 dated 22.11.2013 registered at Police Station Sahnewal, District Ludhiana under Section 376 IPC (Section 4 of POCSO Act added later on).

The zimni orders have been placed on record by the State counsel.

The petitioner is in custody since 22.11.2013. The prosecution has only been able to examine 9 witnesses out of 18 witnesses. The zimni orders show that after June 2015 only two witnesses have been examined and the case is being adjourned in routine. The complainant and prosecutrix have already been examined.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner is ready to give local surety.

Without commenting anything on the merits of the case and considering the fact that the trial will take time to conclude, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing adequate bonds and local surety to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(ANITA CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

September 24, 2016

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Whether Reasoned/Speaking

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No