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

CRM-M-10158 of 2017

Date of decision: March 29, 2017

Rattan Kaur

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.B. CHAUDHARI

Present: Mr. Prateek Pandit, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. R.S. Randhawa, Addl. AG Punjab.

Mr. Vikram Anand, Advocate for the complainant.

A.B. CHAUDHARI, J (Oral)

Heard learned counsel for the rival parties.

This is a petition for grant of regular bail in FIR No.239 dated 26.12.2016, under Sections 307, 326-A, 506, 148, 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Kotwali, District Kapurthala.

I have perused the FIR. Trial is fixed for 03.04.2017 for framing of charge. In my opinion, looking to the fact that number of women have been injured in the acid attack, it would be appropriate to have the trial itself expedited and completed within a period of 6 months from today. The prayer for bail to the petitioner who is said to be a 70 years old, on the ground that she is a woman cannot be considered looking to the allegations against her who went on acid throwing spree on various women working in the field.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that even her family members have been injured in the acid attack. That is not relevant for the present matter.

In that view of the matter, prayer for bail is rejected. Petition stands dismissed. Trial shall be completed within a period of 6 months from today. In the event of trial not being completed within the said period, liberty is reserved in favour of the petitioner to apply for regular bail.

In the meanwhile, Investigating Officer is directed to find out whether the person who sold acid was illegally selling the same and if it so, what offence has been committed by him to proceed against him according to law.

(A.B. CHAUDHARI)
JUDGE

March 29, 2017

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Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No