

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

CRM-M No. 19758 of 2017(O&M)
Date of decision: 2.6.2017

Pala Ram

....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE REKHA MITTAL

Present: Ms. Harmanpreet Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Dimple Jain, AAG, Haryana.

REKHA MITTAL, J.(Oral)

The petitioner prays for grant of regular bail in FIR No. 17 dated 12.04.2017 registered with Women Police Station Kaithal, District Kaithal for offence punishable under Section 354(A)(1) of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and 8 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is in custody since 12.04.2017. On completion of investigation, challan was presented in the Court and conclusion of trial is likely to take its own time. It is further submitted that the FIR has been lodged after three days of the occurrence without any tangible explanation. Further argued that the petitioner has been falsely indicted in the crime due to Panchayat elections.

Counsel for the State has opposed the prayer for bail with the submission that in view of the allegations levelled against the petitioner by a girl aged about 12 years, he is not entitled to be released on bail.

Be that as it may, challan has already been presented in the Court. There is no allegation against the petitioner that he is likely to flee from the process of justice, in case enlarged on bail. It is not the plea of

the prosecution that any other case much less of a similar nature has ever been registered against the petitioner. The petitioner is a married man. He is ready to face proceedings in accordance with law.

Without meaning to express any opinion on merits of the controversy, the petitioner shall be released on bail subject to satisfaction of the trial Court. However, he shall abide by the following conditions:-

- (i) he shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with facts of the case so as to dissuade him/her from disclosing such facts to the Court;
- (ii) he shall not leave India without previous permission of the Court.

JUNE 2, 2017

‘D. Gulati’

(REKHA MITTAL)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : yes/no

Whether reportable : yes/no