

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

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**CRM-M No.23305 of 2016
Date of Decision: 24.01.2017**

Naresh Kumar @ Kala

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI

Present: Mr. Prashant Vashisth, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Sidakmeet Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

Ritu Bahri, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No. 153 dated 16.12.2013 under Sections 376/377 and Section 4 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 registered at Police Station Jamalpur, Ludhiana-city.

Petitioner is in custody since 17.12.2016,

Learned State counsel, on instructions from H.C. Anil Kumar, states that the complainant was a tenant of petitioner and after registration of FIR in 2013, they vacated the house and Investigating Officer was in touch with the complainant on phone till 2014 when the chief of complainant had been recorded. Thereafter, phone is switched off and whereabouts of complainant and his daughter are not found.

Keeping in view the above, the petition is allowed and petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

January 24, 2017
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**(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE**