

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

Crl. Misc. M-35136 of 2017 (O&M)
Date of Decision: November 21, 2017

Jiwan Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. G.S. Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. A.S. Dhaliwal, DAG Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.42 dated 05.05.2017, under Sections 376, 511, 452, 506, 354, 323, 341 of Indian Penal Code and Sections 8, 18 of POCSO Act, registered at Police Station Barnala, District Barnala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner herein was taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 06.05.2017. It is submitted that petitioner is falsely implicated in the present case. It is also contended that two material witnesses including the prosecutrix have been examined, therefore, the petitioner is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-State, on instructions from Investigating Officer, opposes the bail

application, while submitting that statement of the prosecutrix has been recorded.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Since, the trial is likely to take some time and in view of the facts that the petitioner herein has been in custody since 06.05.2017 and that statement of prosecutrix has already been recorded, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars. At this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

November 21, 2017
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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No