

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

Crl. Misc. M-44727 of 2017 (O&M)
Date of Decision: November 29, 2017

Ranjit Singh alias Rana

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Ashish Aggarwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, 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.26 dated 07.04.2017, under Sections 376, 450 of Indian Penal Code and Sections 3, 4 of POCSO Act, registered at Police Station Chohla Sahib, District Tarn Taran.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner herein was taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 05.05.2017. It is argued that the petitioner is falsely implicated in the present case, as both the petitioner and the complainant were in relationship. It is also contended that statement of material witnesses has been recorded, therefore, the petitioner is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-State, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, opposes the grant of regular bail, while submitting that the offences alleged against the petitioner are serious in nature, therefore, the petitioner is not entitled to grant of regular bail.

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 05.05.2017 and that statement of material witnesses has 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 29, 2017

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No