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\* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **BAIL APPLN. 1606/2017**

MANOJ KUMAR ..... Petitioner

Through: Mr.M.P.Sinha, Adv. with  
Ms.Mumtaj, Adv.

versus

STATE (DELHI ADMN) ..... Respondent

Through: Mr.Kamal Kumar Ghei, APP for State  
SI Vikrant, PS-Seemapuri

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE I.S.MEHTA**

**ORDER**

% **18.08.2017**

**CRL.M.A.13204/2017**

Exemption granted, subject to all just exceptions.

Application stands disposed of.

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This is an application under Section 439 Cr.P.C. filed on behalf of the petitioner seeking grant of regular bail in case FIR No.336/2017 under Sections 354/354 A IPC & Sections 8/12 POCSO Act, registered at Police Station-Seemapuri, Delhi.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is an innocent person and allegations alleged in FIR No.336/2017 under Sections 354/354 A IPC & Sections 8/12 POCSO Act, registered at Police Station-Seemapuri is false. Counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner has already joined investigation and nothing is to be recovered

from the petitioner. He further submits that the petitioner is in judicial custody since 23.05.2017 and not required for further investigation in the present case. He has further submitted that trial is not likely to conclude in near future and the continued incarceration of the petitioner will not serve any purpose and prays that the petitioner be released on regular bail.

On the other hand, learned APP for the State has vehemently opposed the bail application and has submitted that if the petitioner is released, he may influence the witnesses during trial.

Looking in the above facts and circumstances, since the petitioner is not required for investigation and the petitioner is stated to be in judicial custody since 23.05.2017, no purpose would be served if the petitioner is kept in judicial custody as the trial is likely to take some time, consequently, the petitioner is granted bail on his furnishing a bail bond in the sum of Rs.20,000/- with one surety of the like amount to the satisfaction of the concerned Court below with the condition that he shall not influence the prosecution witnesses; he shall not contact, threaten or coerce the victim or any of her family members or to indulge in any illegal activities; he shall not tamper the prosecution evidence and he should not leave India without prior permission of the Court below.

The present bail application is disposed of accordingly. However, this order shall not affect the merit of the case.

Copy of the order be given *dasti*, as prayed.

**I.S.MEHTA, J**

**AUGUST 18, 2017/sr**