

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

**CRM-M-11621-2018
Date of decision: 26.03.2018**

Harcharan Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Kuldeep V. Singh Ahluwalia, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. A. S. Sandhu, Addl. A. G., Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 340 dated 12.11.2017, under Sections 363, 366-A, 376 and 120-B of the IPC and Sections 3 and 4 of the POCSO Act, registered at Police Station Sultanpur Lodhi, District Kapurthala.

It is contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case and he is in custody Since November, 2017. It is further contended that son of the petitioner and the complainant were well known to each other as would be reflected from the letters addressed. It is also submitted that daughter of the petitioner was also involved in this FIR, however, she has already been granted concession of anticipatory bail by order dated 13.12.2017 passed by this Court in **CRM-M-47009-2017**. Counsel for the petitioner further submits that investigation in this case is complete and the trial is likely to take some, hence, the petitioner should be enlarged on regular bail.

Mr. A. S. Sandhu, Addl. A. G., Punjab, has appeared on behalf of respondent-State and contested the bail application. He opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner by submitting that the offences are of serious nature.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Since the petitioner is in custody since November, 2017 and the trial is likely to take some time, no useful purpose would be served in keeping him in custody furthermore. Hence, the present petition is accepted. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

However, any opinion expressed herein is for the purpose of grant of regular bail and not an opinion on the merits of the case.

26.03.2018

Waseem Ansari

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No