

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

Crl. Misc. M-12956 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: July 31, 2018

Manjit Singh @ Mangu

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Manpreet Singh Dua, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Seena Mand, 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.86 dated 16.06.2017, under Section 376 of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Sadar Fazilka, District Fazilka.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner herein was taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 24.07.2017. It is submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is argued that in fact, the petitioner and the prosecutrix have solemnized a marriage and lived together as husband and wife and subsequently under the pressure of her parents, the instant FIR has been lodged. It is also contended that the prosecutrix has been examined and conclusion of trial

will take sufficient time, 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 to the petitioner, however, does not dispute the fact that the prosecutrix has been examined.

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 24.07.2017 and that prosecutrix has been examined, 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.

July 31, 2018
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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No