

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

CRM-M-17944-2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: May 23, 2018

Lakhan Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. A.S. Sandhu, Addl. A.G., 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.56 dated 26.03.2018, under Sections 457, 354, 354-D of Indian Penal Code and 8, 12 of Protection of Children registered at Police Station City Sunam.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner herein has been in custody in the aforesaid FIR since almost two months. It is submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is also contended that investigation is complete, as the challan has been presented 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 the respondent-State, on instructions from Investigating Officer, opposes the

grant of regular bail to the petitioner, while submitting that offences alleged against the petitioner are serious in nature.

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 almost two months and that investigation is complete, as the challan has been presented, 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.

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No