

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

Crl. Misc.M-17949-2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: July 18, 2018

Vishal alias Kartik Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Nandan Jindal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Sr. 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.120 dated 01.08.2016, under Sections 341, 354, 354-A, 354-D, 363, 366, 509 of Indian Penal Code and Section 8 of POCSO Act, registered at Police Station Nanagal, District Rupnagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner herein was taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 21.12.2017. It is submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present. It is also contended that charges have been framed 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, while submitting that offences alleged against the petitioner are serious in nature, however, she does not dispute the fact that charges have been framed.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Since, the trial is likely to take some time and in view of the facts that that the petitioner herein has been in custody since December 2017 and that charges have been framed, 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
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No