

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
CHANDIGARH**

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CRM-M-18015-2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 31.05.2018

Arvinder Singh @ Sonu

..Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

..Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANITA CHAUDHRY

Present: Mr. P.S. Punia, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. K.S. Aulakh, DAG, Punjab.

ANITA CHAUDHRY, J.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No. 153 dated 05.06.2014, registered under Sections 341, 354, 294, 34 of IPC and Sections 8 & 10 of POCSO Act, Police Station Focal Point, Ludhiana, District Ludhiana.

Counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was declared proclaimed person in 2016 and he had surrendered on his own on 21.12.2017. He also says that the co-accused had been acquitted and the case is at the stage of prosecution evidence. The counsel further urges that the allegations against the petitioner are that he was drunk and he took out his iron rod and when the complainant raised noise, he along with his co-accused ran away.

The State counsel says that the petitioner was appearing before the Court below and he absconded after the challan had been presented in 2014 and he knew about the pendency of the case and he should not be given the benefit again.

Counsel for the petitioner urges that the trial would take time and he may be given one more opportunity and would abide by any condition which may be imposed by this Court.

The copy of the passport has been placed on record. On perusal thereof I find that the petitioner had gone abroad after the charge had been framed. .

The trial will take time to conclude. Without commenting upon the merits of the case, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court. He would deposit his passport with the trial Court and he would deposit Rs.3 lacs with the trial Court. The amount would be returned to him only after the trial is over. He would regularly appear before the Court below and would not seek any exemption.

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(ANITA CHAUDHRY)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No