

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

Crl. Misc. M 20125 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of decision: 16.5.2018

Rohit

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. Rajesh Bansal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. P.P. Chahar, DAG, Haryana.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The petitioner herein has filed this petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 347 dated 18.3.2018, under Section 8 of the Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences Act registered at Police Station Panipat City, District Panipat.

It is contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is in custody since 18.3.2018 and that he has been falsely implicated in this case. In fact, no such occurrence, as alleged in the FIR, takes place in the open shop. The trial is likely to take some time. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars till the conclusion of the trial. Therefore, it is prayed that the petitioner be admitted to regular bail.

Learned counsel for the State opposes the bail application,

while submitting that the victim is minor girl of 16 years, who herself had lodged the complaint and the CCTV footage had not been handed over to the police on the pretext that the same is not functional, which fact itself lends credence to the victim's statement.

Without going into the merits of the case and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 18.3.2018 and the trial is likely to take some time to conclude, the present petition is accepted and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

16.5.2018
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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
No