

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.211

CRM-M-24782-2018

Date of decision : 16.07.2018

Sandeep @ Sonu

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Mazlish Khan, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. D.R. Singla, DAG, Haryana.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.73 dated 16.06.2017, registered at Police Station Women Jind, District Jind, under Sections 354-D, 376, 457 and 506 IPC.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the prosecutrix was known to the petitioner and they were having an affair. He referred to her cross-examination, in which it is deposed by her that she had accompanied the petitioner to a hotel on Gohana road, Rohtak. On the fateful night, the petitioner had been invited by the prosecutrix. Moreover, the petitioner has been in custody since 21.06.2017 and the trial is likely to take some time and therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody indefinitely.

Learned State counsel submits that the cross-examination of the prosecutrix-complainant is still continuing and the next date of hearing before the trial Court is 17.08.2018. The hearing of the present petition be deferred till then.

From perusal of the facts, it seems to be a case of consent. The petitioner has been in custody for the last more than a year and

admittedly five more prosecution witnesses have to be examined and therefore, the trial is not likely to conclude at an early date. Thus, I deem it appropriate to allow this petition.

Accordingly, the petition is allowed and petitioner-Sandeep @ Sonu, is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court concerned.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

16.07.2018
Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes/ No