

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

Crl. Misc. M-26788 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: July 03, 2018

Neeraj Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Arshdeep Singh Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Senior 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.76 dated 24.08.2012, under Sections 363, 366, 376 of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Mehna, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner herein was taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 08.07.2017. It is argued that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is submitted that the petitioner herein solemnized a marriage with the daughter of the complainant as far back as 2012 and out of which wedlock, two children have been born. It is also contended that 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 Investigating Officer, opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner, while submitting that the offences alleged against the petitioner are serious in nature.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

In view of the facts that the petitioner herein has been in custody since 08.07.2017 and that conclusion of trial will take sufficient time, 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.

July 03, 2018
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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No