

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

Crl. Misc.M- 29776-2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: July 24 , 2018

Jagroop Singh alias Bobby

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Ashish Bakshi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Seena Mand, 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.48 dated 06.04.2016, under Sections 363, 366-A, 376, 120-B of Indian Penal Code, and under Sections 4, 8 of the POCSO Act, 2012 registered at Police Station Daba, Ludhiana .

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner herein was taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 25.06.2016. It is submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case, being the father of co-accused-Sandeep Singh, who is alleged to allure the victim on the false pretext of marriage. It is stated that no allegations had been raised in the FIR against the petitioner herein or even in the statement

of the victim, which has been recorded under Section 164 Cr.P.C. It is also contended that since the material witnesses have since been testified 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, oppose 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 the material witnesses have been examined.

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 25.06.2016 and that the material witnesses have been examined, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars. At this stage, without expressing any opinion 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 24, 2018
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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No