

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

Crl. Misc. M 34064 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of decision: 4.9.2018

Sahil

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. Rituraj Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Seena Mand, DAG, Punjab.

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. 120 dated 1.8.2016, under Sections 341, 354, 354-A, 354-D, 509 IPC and Section 8 of the POCSO Act registered at Police Station Nangal.

It is contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case and he is in custody since February, 2018. It is also contended that no specific role has been attributed to the petitioner except that the petitioner was also one of the three boys named by the complainant. Co-accused of the petitioner have been enlarged on bail by this Court. It is also contended that charges have been framed and material witnesses, namely, the complainant and the victim have been examined. 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.
He prays that the petitioner be admitted to regular bail.

Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent—State opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner, while submitting that the offences alleged against the petitioner are of serious nature, however, she does not dispute the fact that the charges have been framed.

Without going into the merits of the case and keeping in view the fact that the statements of the material witnesses have since been recorded 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.

4.9.2018
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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	No