

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-37958-2018

Date of Decision:24.09.2018

Pardeep Sharma @ Peter

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA.

**Present: Ms. Jasneet Mehra, Advocate for
Mr. Amrainder Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.**

Mr. Manish Bansal, D.A.G., Haryana.

HARI PAL VERMA, J.(Oral)

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.182 dated 29.03.2018 under Section 8 of The Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act, 2012, registered at Police Station Kotwali Faridabad, District Faridabad.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner is in custody since 01.07.2018 and trial in the case will take long time. She has argued that the complainant-Mustafa was above 16 years of age, but he wanted to play football in a team under 14 years age group by submitting forged documents, which the petitioner did not allow. In this manner, the petitioner has falsely been implicated in the case.

On the other hand, learned State Counsel on instructions from

ASI Mahavir Singh has argued that the allegations against the petitioner are

serious in nature and he being a Football Coach has committed the offence under Section 8 of the POCSO Act. Moreover, one another boy, namely, Sakim Khan has also made similar allegations against him.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 01.07.2018 and charges in the case have already been framed and trial in the case will take long time, I deem it appropriate to admit the petitioner on bail. The culpability of the petitioner is yet to be established during the trial.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is admitted on regular bail, subject to furnishing of his bail bonds/heavy surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court.

It is made clear that the petitioner shall not influence the trial or shall not extend any pressure, threat or undue influence on the complainant as well as the prosecution witnesses in any manner.

September 24, 2018

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(HARI PAL VERMA)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No