

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-38581-2017

Date of decision: 20.02.2018

Rupinder Singh @ Bhindi

.... Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. S.S. Sarwara, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. A.A. Pathak, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

Rajan Gupta, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail to the petitioner in a case FIR No.29 dated 26.04.2017 under Section 377 IPC and Section 4 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 at Police Station Ghanaur, District Patiala.

Learned counsel submits that the petitioner is in custody since 03.05.2017. Trial may take some time to conclude.

Learned counsel for the State has opposed the prayer for bail. He submits that trial has made some headway as out of 16 witnesses cited by the prosecution, 07 have been examined.

Heard.

Keeping in view the period of his incarceration and the fact that trial may still take some time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner in custody any longer. Thus, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Patiala.

(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE

February 20, 2018
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No