

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

**CRM-M-48667-2017  
Date of decision: 15.01.2018**

**Gulab Singh**

**...Petitioner**

**Versus**

**State of Haryana**

**...Respondent**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR**

Present:- Mr. Jitender Dhanda, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Ms. Gaganpreet Kaur, AAG, Haryana.

**JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)**

This petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 164 dated 19.05.2016, under Sections 376-D, 365 and 306 of the IPC, registered at Police Station Jind Sadar, District Jind.

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 20.05.2016. It is also contended that in fact the statements of the material witnesses have already been recorded. Counsel for the petitioner submits that since the trial is likely to take some, the petitioner should be enlarged on regular bail.

Ms. Gaganpreet Kaur, AAG, Haryana, has appeared on behalf of respondent-State and contested the bail application. She opposes the grant of regular bail by stating that the allegations are of serious nature. She submits that statements of three witnesses, including prosecutrix and her mother/complainant, have been recorded out of total 21 witnesses.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Since the petitioner is in custody since 20.05.2016 and the trial is likely to take some time, no useful purpose would be served in keeping him in custody furthermore. Hence, the present petition is accepted. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

However, any opinion expressed herein is for the purpose of grant of regular bail and not an opinion on the merits of the case.

15.01.2018

*Waseem Ansari*

(JAISHREE THAKUR)  
JUDGE

*Whether speaking/reasoned*  
*Whether reportable*

*Yes/No*  
*Yes/No*