

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

CRM-M- 51212-2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision: December 20, 2018

Sandeep alias Durga

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Sushil Bhardwaj, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Gaganpreet Kaur, AAG, Haryana.

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.109 dated 20.09.2018, under Sections 12 of the POCSO Act and Section 506 of Indian Penal Code, registered at Women Police Station, Karnal, District Karnal.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner herein was taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 21.02.2018. It is submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is also contended that the material witnesses have been examined and that the 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 the petitioner herein has been in custody since 21.02.2018 and that the material witnesses have been examined, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars. At this stage, without commenting 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.

December 20, 2018

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
Yes/No