

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

CRM M-24862 of 2019
Date of Decision: September 12, 2019

Gurpreet SinghPetitioner
Versus
State of Haryana Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present : Mr. D.K. Prajapati, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amrik Narwal, DAG, Haryana.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (Oral)

The precise allegations in this first regular bail application under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. moved in FIR No.31 dated 20.03.2019 have come about by complainant, a girl aged around 18 years. In her complaint, she alleges that she alongwith her younger sister aged 17 years as per their daily routine used to bring fodder for their animals from the fields and on the date of occurrence, i.e.

20.03.2019 while both of them were returning in the evening, accused/petitioner alongwith his co-accused/non applicant, Rohit, resident of the same village caught hold of both the girls with bad intention and molested them leading to the registration of the present case and arrest of the petitioner on 20.03.2019.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that the petitioner is behind the bars since a long time and that investigation and trial are not likely to be concluded in near future.

Mr. Amrik Narwal, DAG, Haryana on instructions from ASI Ram Bhaj has conceded to the facts that have canvassed but has opposed the grant of the bail on the grounds of seriousness of crime and heinousness of offences.

Going through these submissions of the two sides, the petitioner is behind the bars for almost 6 months

and culpability, if any, of the petitioner shall be determined at the trial which is not likely to be concluded in the near future. This Court is of the opinion that it is a fit case for grant of bail. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case.

Disposed off.

September 12, 2019
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(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No