

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-30534-2019

Date of Decision:20.08.2019

Sanpreet Singh @ Sunny

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

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

Present: Mr. Keshav Pratap Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, AAG, Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA, J.(Oral)

Prayer in this 2nd petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.22 dated 17.07.2018 under Sections 363, 366-A, 376(2), 120-B IPC and Sections 3, 4 and 17 of the POCSO Act, 2012, registered at Police Station City Kurali, District SAS Nagar, Mohali.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner has earlier filed CRM-M-54215-2018 for grant of bail which was dismissed as withdrawn vide order dated 05.04.2019. He further states that despite the order dated 05.04.2019, the prosecution evidence has not been concluded and the petitioner is suffering because of this laxity on the part of the prosecution as he is in custody since 30.07.2018.

Learned State Counsel, on instructions from ASI Kesar Singh,

submits that the prosecutrix has been examined in the case and as against

total 20 witnesses cited by the prosecution, 14 witnesses have already been examined and the case is now fixed for 21.08.2019 for prosecution evidence. In this manner, the trial is at advanced stage.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 30.07.2018 and on 05.04.2019, this Court was apprised that material witnesses have been examined in the case, the present petition is disposed of at this stage that the prosecution shall complete the remaining evidence within a period of one month from 21.08.2019 and thereafter, the trial Court shall make an endeavour to complete the trial within a period of three months from today.

It is made clear that the evidence should not be delayed on the part of the accused in any manner. In case, trial is not concluded within the aforesaid period of three months from today, the petitioner would be at liberty to move petition for grant of regular bail.

The present petition stands disposed of accordingly.

August 20, 2019
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No