

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

CRM-M-30745-2019

Date of Decision: 17.09.2019

Anoop

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Raman Chawla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Paramjit Singh, Asstt. A.G., Haryana.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant second petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.17 dated 14.02.2018, under Section 10 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (later on added offence under Section 6 of POCSO Act), registered at Women Police Station Narnaul, District Mahendergarh.

Learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that the petitioner herein has been in custody since 15.02.2018 and investigation in the matter is complete since challan has been presented and 14 witnesses have been examined, including the material witnesses, namely, the complainant and her mother.

Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-State opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner, while submitting that offences alleged against the petitioner are serious in nature, however, he does not dispute the fact that investigation has been completed, challan has been presented and 14 witnesses including the material witnesses have been examined.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Since, investigation in the matter has been completed, challan has been presented and 14 witnesses including the material witnesses have been examined, the trial is likely to take some time and in view of the fact that the petitioner herein has been in custody since 15.02.2018, 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 bonds to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

17.09.2019

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**(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
Yes/No