

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

**CRM-M No.41664 of 2019**  
Date of decision: 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019

Rajesh Chopra

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH**

Present: Mr. Rakesh Nehra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amrik Narwal, Dy. Advocate General, Haryana  
for the respondent/State.

**FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (ORAL)**

Allegations against the petitioner Rajesh Chopra in this first regular bail application under Section 439 Cr.P.C. in case bearing FIR No.233 dated 06.07.2019 under Sections 328, 376, 506 IPC pertaining to Police Station City Bahadurgarh, District Jhajjar have been levelled by a married woman aged around 26 years who was working as an employee in the business owned by the petitioner since year 2016. The complainant alleges that in June 2018, the accused has defiled her against her wishes and has lodged the present FIR in July 2019 leading to arrest of the petitioner on 09.07.2019.

Learned counsel for the petitioner Mr. Rakesh Nehra, Advocate inter alia contends that it is a pure simplicitor case of the complainant trying to fleece the employer on false pretence and there is

no medical evidence to support her case and which too have come about after more than one year.

On behalf of the State, Mr. Amrik Narwal, Dy. Advocate General, Haryana though does not displace the facts brought to the notice of this Court by learned counsel for the petitioner but has opposed the grant of bail on the grounds of seriousness of allegations.

Appreciating the arguments of the two sides, the petitioner is behind bars since more than three months. Keeping in view the inordinate delay that has come about between the occurrence and lodging of the FIR and the fact that the complainant is a grown up married lady, are matters of appreciation. Culpability, if any, shall be determined at the trial which is not likely to conclude in the near future. In view thereof, this Court is of the opinion that no useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner in custody in the present case. Accordingly, he is ordered to be released on regular bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Jhajjar. However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case.

The petition stands disposed off accordingly.

**(FATEH DEEP SINGH)**  
**JUDGE**

**October 3, 2019**

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Whether speaking/reasoned  
Whether reportable

Yes/No  
Yes/No