

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

CRM-M-1212-2020

Date of decision : 27.01.2020

Gurdeep Singh @ Pardeep

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. S.S. Sarwara, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Devaki Anand Sullar, AAG, Punjab.
assisted by ASI Balveer Singh.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J (ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.189, dated 20.11.2018, under Sections 363, 366-A of IPC and Section 4 of the POCSO Act, registered at Police Station Passiana, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the prosecutrix has not supported the case of the prosecution and was declared hostile. It has been further submitted that the petitioner has been in custody since 26.05.2019, i.e. for about eight months and the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future. Learned State counsel does not controvert the said fact.

Having considered the submissions made by either side, the petitioner has been behind bar admittedly since 26.05.2019 i.e. for about eight months, hence, further detention of the petitioner will not serve any useful purpose. The petition as such is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of trial Court / Duty

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

27.01.2020

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No