

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

CRM-M-2367 of 2020

DATE OF DECISION : 05.10.2020

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...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present : Mr. N. S. Chahal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sidakmeet Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

(Presence marked through video conference).

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

This is a petition for grant of regular bail in FIR No.71 dated 16.04.2019 under Sections 363/366-A/370/372/373/376/120-B IPC, Section 4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, registered at Police Station Canal Colony, Bathinda, District Bathinda.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case. He further submits that petitioner is a widow having two minor children aged 06 years and 09 years. He further submits that both the minors are currently at the mercy of one relative or the other and are practically left to fend for themselves. The petitioner is in custody since 17.04.2019. Investigation in the case is complete and challan has been presented.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the bail plea. He argues that there are serious allegations against the petitioner.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned State counsel, I am of the opinion that no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars. Investigation is already complete. Challan has been presented. The petitioner is stated to be in custody since 17.04.2019. Two minor children of the petitioner are left at the mercy of their relatives. Given their age, both minors need constant care and attention during these days of pandemic, caused by Covid-19 virus. The trial is not likely to commence or conclude any time soon on account of current pandemic conditions.

5. In the premise, the instant petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on her furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate.

OCTOBER 05, 2020
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(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :

Yes/No

Whether reportable :

Yes/No