

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

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CRM-M-10528-2020

Date of decision : 04.09.2020.

Gurlal Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Manvinder Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Aditi Girdhar, AAG, Haryana.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.0296 dated 04.08.2019, under Sections 451, 376, 511 IPC and Section 3W(ii) of the SC/ST Act, registered at Police Station Rania, district Sirsa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR that the prosecutrix had developed physical relations with the petitioner as he had promised to marry her and a mere breach of promise would not amount to rape. He also contends that the prosecutrix was major at that time. Learned counsel also contends that the petitioner, who is 25 year of age, is in custody for 01 year and 01 month and is not involved in any other case.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Kiran Pal, contends that although charges have been framed but none of the prosecution witnesses has been examined.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is in custody for 01 year and 01 month; he is not involved in any other case; the COVID-19 pandemic, and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

September 04, 2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No