

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-14186-2020

Date of decision: 19.06.2020

Sunil Kumar

....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Satbir Singh Gill, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhdeep Parmar, DAG, Haryana.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner-Sunil kumar has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.23 dated 15.01.2020, registered under Sections 354, 354-A, 354-B & 451 of Indian Penal code and Section 8 of The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 at Police Station, Ellenabad, District Sirsa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was arrested on 17.01.2020. Challan in this case was presented on 16.03.2020 and the charges have not been framed till date. It is then submitted by counsel for the petitioner that the alleged girl named in the FIR, had relations with the petitioner. However, now, they have entered into a

compromise, copy of which, has been appended here with the petition as Annexure P-2. It is also submitted that due to the present COVID-19 situation, detention of the petitioner in jail would be dangerous to his life and also the fact that trial is likely to take some time, the petitioner is entitled for regular bail.

In view of the peculiar facts noticed above and the present situation due to COVID-19, this Court deems it appropriate to direct release of the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned, subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds. However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed as an expression on merits of the case. In case, any of the above submissions found to be incorrect, the prosecution and the complainant are at liberty to move an application for cancellation of bail.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
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Whether speaking/ reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No