

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-13988-2020(O&M)

Date of decision: 19.6.2020

Sarfulla Ansari

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL**

Present:- Mr.Charanpreet Singh, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. S.P.S.Tinna, Addl. AG, Punjab

**ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)**

The petitioner prays for grant of bail pending trial in a criminal case arising from FIR No.37 dated 4.4.2019 registered under Section 376 IPC and Section 3, 4 of POCSO Act, 2012 at Police Station Meharban, District Ludhiana.

In a nutshell, the case of the prosecution is that the petitioner allegedly committed rape with prosecutrix (name withheld) on 1.4.2019.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has drawn attention of the Court to the statement of the prosecutrix as well as her parents to contend that they have not supported the case of the prosecution. He further submits that the petitioner is in custody for a period of more than 1 year and 2 months.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts and particularly the statements of the prosecution witnesses, further incarceration of the petitioner shall not be appropriate. Hence, it is directed that the

petitioner shall be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

Petition stands allowed.

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| 19.06.2020                | (ANIL KSHETARPAL) |
| rekha                     | JUDGE             |
| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes / No          |
| Whether Reportable        | Yes / No          |