

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-13994-2020(O&M)

Date of decision: 17.6.2020

Gurmeet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present:- Mr. Pankaj Bali, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Deepak Sabharwal, Addl. AG, Haryana

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner prays for grant of bail pending trial in a criminal case arising from FIR No.12 dated 21.2.2020 registered under Sections 8, 12 of POCSO Act and Section 452, 506 IPC at Police Station Women Assandh, Karnal.

In a nutshell, the case of the prosecution has been noticed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Karnal, which is extracted as under:-

“ Allegations of prosecution have been to the effect that on 20.2.2020, Simran wife of Balbir Singh, resident of village Kheri Saraf Ali had got recorded her statement to the effect that she had three children, and her elder daughter aged were aged about 13 years old. Said Manpreet has been a student of 8th standard and she had been studying in Govt. Senior

Secondary School Kheri Saraf Ali. On 20.2.2020, after taking dinner, she along with her family members went to sleep. At the time of 11:00 p.m., she heard cries. She along with her husband came out their house and saw her daughter standing near the Bathroom, and Laddi caught hold of her. He was also teasing her. On seeing to us, he left the her daughter and ran away. While running away, he threatened them to kill. Her daughter also told that he had earlier also committed such acts with her and he had continuously been chasing her. She pleaded that penal action may kindly be taken against him.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated as there is a prior dispute with the family of the prosecutrix with regard to a waste water drain passing through their area. He further submits that the families of the petitioner and prosecutrix are residing in the same area.

On completion of the investigation, police report under Section 173 Cr.PC has been filed. The petitioner is in custody since 28.2.2020.

Sh. Deepak Sabharwal, Addl. AG, Haryana has admitted that the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case as per his information. The prosecution intends to examine as many as 11 witnesses. Conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time.

Without commenting on the merits of the case and keeping in view the aforesaid facts, it is considered appropriate to release the

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

Petition stands allowed.

17.06.2020	(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes / No
Whether Reportable	Yes / No