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

**CRM-M-14629-2020
Date of Decision: 18.08.2020**

Randhir Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Ashit Malik, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vishal Malik, DAG, Haryana.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure by the petitioner, seeking regular bail in case FIR No.192 dated 27.03.2020, under Sections 10 and 12 of the POCSO Act and Section 341 of the IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Thanesar, District Kurukshetra.

2. The petitioner has remained in custody since 28.03.2020. In the meantime, after completion of the investigation, challan against him has already been submitted.

3. Ld. Counsel for the petitioner draws attention of the Court to the FIR lodged by the victim's father.

4. Perusal of the same goes to indicate, at best the offences under

Sections 7 and 11 of the POCSO Act which are punishable under Sections 8 and 12 of the same Act, respectively, although challan has been submitted in respect of the more grievous offence under Section 10 of the same Act.

5. Be that as it may, considering the contents in the original FIR, the fact that investigation has already been completed and challan submitted, this Court is of the opinion that detention of the petitioner for an indefinite period at this stage is not called for, since the trial is likely to take its own substantial time to complete on account of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

6. In these circumstances, without commenting any further on the merits of the present case as a whole, the prayer of the petitioner for regular bail is allowed and he is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to the appropriate terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

7. Disposed off.

18.08.2020

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(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

2. Whether reportable: Yes/No