

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

CRM-M-14727-2020

Date of decision: 25.6.2020

**Neeraj**

**.....Petitioner.**

**vs.**

**State of Haryana**

**.....Respondent.**

**CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR**

Present: - Mr. G.C. Shahpuri, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Anant Kataria, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana.

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**Sanjay Kumar, J. (ORAL)**

The petitioner is the accused in FIR No. 179 dated 14.12.2018 on the file of Police Station Sadhaura, District Yamuna Nagar, registered under Section 8 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (for short, 'the POCSO Act'). By way of the present petition, he seeks grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr. P.C.

The petitioner has been in custody since 14.12.2018. After completion of the investigation, the challan was filed and the trial is stated to have commenced. The evidence of the prosecution is stated to have already been completed. The minimum punishment prescribed for an offence under Section 8 of the POCSO Act is three years imprisonment while the maximum may extend upto five years. The petitioner has already undergone 1½ years of incarceration and there is no possibility of speedy disposal of the case at this stage owing to the Corona Virus Pandemic.

That being so, it would be appropriate that the petitioner be granted relief subject to conditions. The petition is accordingly allowed

directing the release of the petitioner on regular bail in FIR No. 179 dated 14.12.2018 on the file of Police Station Sadhaura, District Yamuna Nagar, upon his furnishing a personal bond for a sum of Rs. 20,000/- along with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the Illaqa/Duty Magistrate concerned. Further, the petitioner shall not cause any threat, inducement or promise to any person involved with the case.

**(SANJAY KUMAR)**  
**JUDGE**

25.6.2020

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whether speaking/non speaking

yes/no

whether reportable/non reportable

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