

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-15010-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 09.12.2020

KIRPAL SINGH

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.157 dated 09.09.2019, under Sections 354 & 354-A IPC and Sections 10, 11 & 12 of POCSO Act, 2012, registered at Police Station Bhogpur, District Jalandhar Rural.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that he had enticed two minor girls on the pretext of giving them 'parshad' and had committed obscene acts with them. He further contends that the mother of one of the girls, in her deposition as PW-1 before the trial Court, had not supported the prosecution case qua the petitioner. The petitioner is 56 year of age and not involved in any other case. The petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 3 months since his arrest on 10.09.2019.

Learned State counsel contends that 4 out of 15 prosecution witnesses have been examined.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 3 months, he is not involved in any other case, the COVID-19 pandemic and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

09.12.2020.

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No