

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-16300-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 09.07.2020

Satnam Singh

... Petitioner

VS.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. Ranjit Jaswal, Advocate for
Ms. Amarjit Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG Punjab

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

The petitioner Satnam Singh aged 20 years has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail. He has been allegedly involved in case FIR No.0010 dated 25.01.2020 under Section 376/506 IPC registered at PS Police Commissionerate Jalandhar No.3.

Learned counsel for the petitioner based upon the pleadings submits that the prosecutrix is more than 18 years of age. He submits that the petitioner and the prosecutrix were known to each other. By making reference to para 4 of the petition, counsel urges that the complainant herself admitted that the parents of the complainant and the petitioner were trying to compromise the matter which could not be effected which resulted into the present FIR.

Notice of motion.

On the asking, Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG Punjab accepts notice through video conferencing.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Virender Singh submits that the prosecutrix has refused herself to get medically examined. On the asking, she further informs that the challan in this case was presented on 11.02.2020 and the next date of hearing fixed is 03.08.2020 for framing of charges. There are 16 witnesses and none have been examined.

Counsel for the petitioner then submits that due to COVID situation retention of the petitioner in jail is dangerous to his life and otherwise also the trial is likely to take some time.

In view of the above, this Court deems it appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Duty Magistrate/trial court concerned.

However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed to be an expression on merits of the case.

Disposed of.

09.07.2020

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(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

1. *Whether speaking/reasoned?*
2. *Whether reportable?*

Yes/No
Yes/No