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

**CRM-M-15618-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 02.07.2020**

Renu Kaur

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Mandeep Kumar Dhot, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh, DAG, Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

CRM-13719-2020:

The present application is for exemption from filing the Court Fee in support of the main Petition.

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the Applicants/ Petitioners are permitted to be exempted from filing the Court Fee at this stage, subject to the condition that the same must be filed latest by 15.07.2020.

Application stands disposed off.

CRM-M-15618-2020:

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (in short the Cr.P.C.) seeking regular bail in case FIR No.142 dated 11.07.2019, under Section 370-A of the Indian Penal Code (in short 'IPC'); Sections 3 and 4 of Immoral Traffic Prevention Act,

1956 and Section 17 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act, 2012 (in short 'the POSCO Act') and Section 5 of Immoral Traffic Prevention Act (added later on); Section 6 of the POSCO Act (added later on) and Sections 370, 342 & 376-B of the IPC (added later on), registered at Police Station City Sangrur, District Sangrur.

[2]. The petitioner has remained in detention since 29.12.2019. The allegations made by the complainant/victim girl in the original FIR drawn up on 11.07.2019, pertain to a period about 3 months prior to that i.e. around the month of April of the same year. The victim had claimed to have been sexually exploited by one Nisha wife of Gaggu, who had allegedly promised to help her mother to be released on bail, after the complainant's mother had apparently been arrested in some case of theft. The victim further claimed to have been subjected to sexual exploitation by one Kamaljit Kaur about a month later, who in turn further passed on the victim's services in favour of the present petitioner after another 2 months i.e. around the month of July, 2019 itself. The victim's date of birth, as established during investigation, is 15.06.2001, which therefore means that she had crossed the age of majority when she came into association with the present petitioner.

[3]. Further, it transpires that in her statement recorded under Section 164 of the Cr.P.C., the victim did not say anything against the present petitioner and kept her allegations confined against Nisha and another accused, namely, Sona.

[4]. In such circumstances, considering the long detention already undergone by the petitioner and the fact that investigation against her has been completed long ago, at this stage, she 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.

[5]. Disposed off.

02.07.2020

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(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
2. Whether reportable: Yes/No