

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

Sr. No.216

CRM-M-22864-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 16.09.2020

RANJIT KUMAR @ RANA

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

..RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

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

Mr. H.S. Sitta, AAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 70 dated 03.07.2019 registered at Police Station Sadar, District Gurdaspur, under Section 376 IPC read with Section 6 of The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO).

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody for over 01 year. The trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as only chief examination of one PW has been conducted till date. The matter is now pending disposal of an application filed under Section 319 Cr.P.C. The FIR was registered against the accused and no medical examination of the prosecutrix was done. Thus, the petitioner may be granted regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 15.09.2020 has been submitted in Court. The same is taken on record. According to this certificate, the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 01 year & 12 days and there is no other criminal case pending against him.

Learned State counsel concedes the submissions made on behalf of counsel for the petitioner.

In view of the fact that the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date and the period already undergone by the petitioner, no useful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody indefinitely. There is no other criminal case pending against him and thus, I deem it appropriate to grant him regular bail.

Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

16.09.2020
Ankur

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No