

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

(The case has been taken up through Video Conferencing)

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CRM-M-29158-2020
DATE OF DECISION: 27.11.2020

Narayan Singh

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Haryana

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARMINDER SINGH MADAAN

Present: Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kanwar Sanjiv Kumar, AAG, Haryana.

HARMINDER SINGH MADAAN, J. (ORAL)

This is a second petition for grant of regular bail filed by the petitioner-Narayan Singh, an accused in FIR No.623 dated 10.10.2019 for the offences under Sections 8, 12, 18 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, registered at Police Station City Sohna, District Gurugram. The first petition filed by him bearing case No.CRM-M-12665 of 2020 had been withdrawn on his behalf and he was permitted to file fresh one after statements of prosecutrix, complainant and other witnesses were recorded. The order in that regard was passed by this Court on 03.06.2020. The grouse of the petitioner-accused is that after passing of this order not even one witness has been examined.

Learned State counsel has contended that the trial got delayed on account of out-break of Covid-Pandemic and not for the reason of any lapse on the part of the prosecution. He has informed that out of the PWs cited by the prosecution only one PW has been examined so far.

Under the circumstances, the present petition stands dismissed, however, a direction is issued to the trial court to conclude the trial expeditiously by fixing short dates refusing to grant adjournment except for a justifiable reason which be mentioned in the interim order. Of course, petitioner-accused would not seek any unnecessary adjournment for the purpose of cross-examination of PWs or cause delay in leading defence evidence.

The whole exercise be preferably completed within a period of six months from the date of receipt of copy of this order in the trial Court.

27th November, 2020
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(H. S. MADAAN)
JUDGE

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