

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

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**CRM-M-30239-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 05.10.2020**

Sachin**.....Petitioner****versus****State of Haryana****....Respondent****CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri**

Present: Mr. Sarvjit Singh Khurana, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajiv Goel, DAG, Haryana.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

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

Petitioner-Sachin, stated to be aged 18 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* praying for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.196 dated 05.05.2020, under Sections 354 B, 365, 506, 34 IPC, and Section 6 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (Section 10 of POCSO Act in FIR deleted and Section 6 of POCSO Act added in Final Report), registered at Police Station Bawal, Rewari.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the that the petitioner was arrested on 06.05.2020. He further submits that the allegations in the FIR are concocted and the petitioner has been falsely implicated. Learned counsel then submits that even reading of the FIR would show that the allegations against the petitioner are only to the effect

that petitioner had allegedly been looking everything while standing.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Varinder Singh, submits that the investigation is complete and challan in this case was presented on 20.06.2020. There are total of 20 witnesses but none has been examined till date. Next date before the Trial Court is 02.11.2020.

Faced with the situation, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that due to the present COVID-19 situation and also the fact that trial is likely to take some time, detention of the petitioner in jail is dangerous to his life. Therefore, petitioner is entitled for regular bail.

In view of the peculiar facts as noticed above, considering the existing situation due to COVID and the fact that trial is likely to take time, this Court deems it appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned, subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds. However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed as an expression on merits of the case.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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