

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

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CRM-M-33050-2020

Date of decision : 27.10.2020.

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... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Parveen Kumar Rohilla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Aditi Girdhar, AAG, Haryana.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.290 dated 19.03.2019, under Section 376 IPC and Section 6 of the POCSO Act, 2012, registered at Police Station Chandni Bagh, Panipat.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case and the victim did not support the prosecution case qua the involvement of the petitioner in her deposition before the trial Court. He has referred to the copy of her statement at Annexure P-2. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over one year seven months and is not involved in any other criminal case.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Rana Partap, contends that 07 out of 17 prosecution witnesses have been examined.

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In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the victim has not supported the prosecution case qua the involvement of the petitioner; he is in custody for over 01 year and 07 months; the COVID-19 pandemic and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

October 27, 2020

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