

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

**CRM-M-54322-2019
Decided on : 30.01.2020**

Mannu Singh

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

PRESENT: Mr. Deepak Aggarwal. Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Ms. Devaki Anand Sullar, Asstt. AG, Punjab
assisted by HC Khush Preet.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J.

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 239, dated 16.11.2017, under Sections 376-B, 420 IPC IPC, registered at Police Station Kotwali, District Bathinda.

Learned State counsel on instructions from HC Khush Preet submits that the material witnesses i.e. the prosecutrix and her mother have since been examined and they did not support the case of the prosecution.

Having considered the submissions made by either side and without commenting upon the merits of the case coupled with the fact that the petitioner has been behind bars since 25.10.2019 coupled with the fact that the material witnesses stand examined, further detention of the petitioner will not serve any useful purpose. The petition as such is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE**

January 30, 2020

J.Ram

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No