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prosecution.

3] Apart from above, parents of the victim girl in their statement dated 24th and 27th September, 2021 have not stated about alleged sexual assault and necessary ingredients of Section 363 of the Indian Penal Code. It is further informed by the Counsel for the complainant that they have also lodged a Petition for quashing by consent.

4] In the aforesaid backdrop, fact remains that on the date of the offence, victim girl had already completed 17 years and 11 months of her age. Counsel for the Applicant has relied on the judgment of Haryana High Court in the case of *Shoukat Hussain and Another vs. State of Punjab and Ors.* in Criminal Writ Petition No.733 of 2021 so as to claim that prosecution of the Applicant is not likely to result into conviction.

5] In that view of the matter, in my opinion, case for grant of bail is made out.

6] Applicant is directed to be released on bail in C.R. No. 927 of 2021 registered with Malwani Police Station, Mumbai for the offence punishable under Sections 363, 366-A, 368, 376, 376(2)(n) of the Indian Penal Code and under Section 4, 5(1), 6, 8, and 12 of the POCSO Act and under Sections 9 and 10 of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, upon furnishing P. R. Bond in the sum of Rs 25,000/- with one or more sureties in the like amount. Applicant shall neither

influence the prosecution witnesses nor tamper with the evidence. In case, the Petition for quashing is rejected, Applicant shall surrender to his bail bonds forthwith.

(NITIN W. SAMBRE, J.)