

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH
(through video conferencing)**

CRM-M-2354-2020
Decided on : 28.01.2021

Ramanpreet Singh @ Bhupinder

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Amit Dhawan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S.Multani, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. G.S.Madaan, Advocate
for the complainant.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J.

Instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.PC for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.165 dated 31.07.2019 registered under Sections 384, 506, 509 IPC,1860 (Section 376 IPC added later on) and under Section 67 of Information Technology Act, 2000 at Police Station Rama Mandi District Jalandhar.

Vide order dated 18.12.2020, trial Court had been directed to examine the prosecutrix prior to the date fixed before this Court.

Learned State counsel on instructions from HC Jermanjit Singh has apprised the Court that the evidence of the prosecutrix stands concluded.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 31.10.2019 and there is no likelihood of the remaining prosecution evidence concluding in the near future. Hence, the petitioner may be extended the concession of regular bail as the evidence of

material witnesses already stands recorded.

Heard.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel and the fact that the petitioner has been in custody since 31.10.2021, the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future more so in the wake of outbreak of pandemic Covid-19. Hence, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

28.01.2021

sonia

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable :

Yes/No