

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

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**CRR-370-2020 (O&M)
Decided on : 31.08.2021**

Gaurav

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

(Through Video Conferencing)

PRESENT: Mr. Vaibhav Sehgal, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab
assisted by ASI Harmesh Singh.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

Instant revision petition has been preferred against the order dated 19.10.2019, passed by the learned Juvenile Justice Board, Ludhiana, vide which the bail application filed by the petitioner was declined, as well as the order dated 20.12.2019, vide which the order passed by the learned Juvenile Justice Board, Ludhiana, was upheld by the learned First Appellate Court, in case FIR No. 128, dated 29.08.2019, under Section 376-AB of IPC and Section 6 of the POCSO Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Ludhiana.

At the outset, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner by urging that victim was just 01 year and 09 months old and the factum of she having been sexually assaulted stands fully corroborated from the medical evidence on record. Learned State counsel has further apprised the Court on instructions

from ASI Harmesh Singh that only 11 prosecution witnesses remain to be examined, most of whom are formal witnesses, hence, the trial would not take much time to conclude.

Heard.

Prima facie, there are very serious allegations levelled against the petitioner, for which this Court is not inclined to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner. However, since the petitioner has been in custody since 09th August, 2019, the Juvenile Board/trial Court concerned is directed to expedite the trial and conclude the same expeditiously, preferably, on or before 30th November, 2021.

Petition stands dismissed accordingly.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

August 31, 2021

J.Ram

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*

Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*