

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

CRM-M-5080 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 05.02.2021

Karan Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Jasdeep Singh Gill,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, DAG, Punjab

AMOL RATTAN SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Case heard via video conferencing.

By this petition, the petitioner seeks the concession of 'regular bail' under the provisions of Section 439 of the Cr.P.C., upon FIR no.7, dated 17.03.2019, having been registered at Police Station Khemkaran, District Tarn Taran, alleging therein the commission of offences punishable under Sections 376, 506 and 201 of the IPC, with Section 4 of the Prevention of Children From Sexual Offences Act, 2012 having been added later.

Pursuant to the order dated 27.01.2021, a reply by way of an affidavit of the DSP, Sub Division Bhikhiwind, dated 22.01.2021, is on record, in which the facts of the case have been given (as per the investigation).

Mr. Gill, learned counsel for the petitioner, submits that even if this court would not comment on the merits of the case, the petitioner in any case has been in custody for the past about 1½ years, with there being no other criminal

case registered against him and with report under Section 173(2) of the Cr.P.C. already having been submitted to the competent court, and with the trial in fact having commenced.

Upon query to learned State counsel, he submits that, as per instructions from ASI Sunil Dutt, three prosecution witnesses have been examined, including the complainant and the girl who is alleged to have been the victim. He also submits that, as per his instructions, there is no other criminal case registered against the petitioner.

That being so, without making any comment on the actual merits of the case, the petition is allowed, with the petitioner ordered to be admitted to bail to the satisfaction of the trial court.

February 05, 2021
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(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	No