

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Misc. No. M-18288 of 2021

Date of Decision: May 20, 2021

Mandeep Singh @ Mintu

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTALPresent: Mr. Sandeep Verma, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr. M.S. Nagra, AAG Punjab

Sudhir Mittal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 119 dated 09.06.2018 registered at Police Station City Moga, District Moga, under Sections 363, 366, 366-A, 376 read with 120-B of IPC and Section 4 POCSO Act and Section 3 of POCSO Act (added lateron).

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 23.06.2018. Even charges have not been framed as yet and the delay is being caused as the complainant side is not appearing. Thus, the petitioner may be granted regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 19.05.2021 has been submitted in Court through E-mail. The same is taken on record. According to this custody certificate, the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 2 years 10 months and 26 days. Two other cases of theft had been registered against him but he has been acquitted in the said cases.

Learned State counsel admits that charges have not yet been framed.

Keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has been in custody for

almost 3 years and that the trial is still to commence, I deem it appropriate to grant regular bail to the petitioner.

Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

May 20, 2021
Poonam Negi

[SUDHIR MITTAL]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No