

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

**CRM M-20863 of 2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: May 28, 2021**

Rajesh @ Raju		Petitioner
	Versus	
State of Haryana		 Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present : Mr. G.S. Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Aggarwal, DAG, Haryana

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner Rajesh Raju accused in case bearing FIR No. 17 dated 19.01.2021 under Sections 376, 511, 506 and 34 IPC registered at Police Station, Kunjpura, District Karnal has sought this regular bail application.

The allegations against the petitioner has come about by the prosecutrix, a married lady working as a labourer. The allegations are that on 14.01.2021 while she was waiting at the bus-stand to board a bus to her village two boys of her

village, the present petitioner and his co-accused came and offered to give lift to the prosecutrix. The accused persons took the prosecutrix on their motorcycle in the nearby sugarcane fields and tried to ravage her but she managed to escape.

Mr. G.S. Sandhu, learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the allegations against the petitioners are only of attempt to rape and that the petitioner is behind the bars since 25.02.2021.

Mr. Amit Aggarwal, DAG, Haryana sought does not displace the facts but has strongly opposed the grant of the bail in the light of the heinousness of the offence.

Appreciating the submissions, it is case of attempt to rape. The petitioner is in the prison since a long time and keeping in view the present Covid 19 pandemic with the intent to decongest the jails to prevent calamity, this Court deems it appropriate to grant the bail. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

May 28, 2021

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(FATEH DEEP SINGH)**JUDGE**

Whether reasoned/speaking	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No