

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

**CRM-M-23561 of 2021 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION: 30.06.2021**

Ravinder Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

(Through Video Conferencing)

Present : Mr. S.K. Khurcha, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Vibha Tewari, AAG Haryana.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J.(ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 1038 dated 29.10.2019, under Sections 363 and 366 IPC, to which Sections 376(2)(n) and 365 IPC were added lateron, Police Station Chandni Bagh, Panipat.

Learned counsel contends that petitioner and the victim were in a consensual relationship. However, since they both belonged to different faiths, the family of the victim pressurized her to level false allegations against the petitioner in the FIR in question. He further submits that in fact the delay in lodging of the FIR, subsequent to the victim having gone missing, goes a long way to show that a fabricated story had been put forth

with an ulterior motive against the petitioner. It has been submitted that the petitioner has been in custody since 19.10.2020 and there is no likelihood of the trial concluding in near future.

Learned State counsel while opposing the prayer and submissions made by learned counsel for petitioner, on instructions of SI Roshan Lal, has apprised this Court that two out of fourteen witnesses i.e. victim and complainant-mother have since been examined during trial. She has also submitted that both these material witnesses have supported the case of the prosecution in toto. It has been submitted that in the wake of aforementioned, the petitioner may not be granted the concession of bail.

Heard.

Prima facie there are serious and specific allegations against the petitioner for which this Court is not inclined to extend the concession of bail. The petition is dismissed.

However, in view of the prayer made by learned counsel that the petitioner has aged parents at home and there is nobody to look after them, trial Court is directed to make every endeavor to expedite the pending trial and conclude the same preferably within one year from today.

June 30, 2021
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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No