

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

(234)

CRM-M-33049-2021

Date of Decision: 19.08.2021

(Heard through VC)

HARMANPREET SINGH @ HARMAN GILL

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. Ruhani Chadha, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, A.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Rahul Bhargava, Advocate
for the complainant.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 0200 dated 21.11.2020 under Sections 363/376/506 of Indian Penal Code and under Section 6 of POCSO Act, 2012/2019 registered at Police Station Kharar, District S.A.S. Nagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that the petitioner has been in custody since 21.11.2020. It is further contended that the matter stands investigated and the *challan* has already been presented. Moreover the prosecutrix who is the minor does not want to proceed with the matter as is evident from the compromise/agreement deed filed by her.

At this stage learned counsel for the complainant, who is present through video conferencing along with the prosecutrix, states that

complainant does not want to proceed with the matter and has no objection in case the petitioner herein be granted the concession of regular bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have also perused the paper book.

The trial is likely to take some time to conclude owing to present COVID-19 pandemic situation. Keeping in view the fact that the investigation is complete and the challan stands presented, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on his execution of personal/surety bonds to the to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

However it is made made clear to the petitioner that he would not make any attempt to contact the prosecutrix in any manner whatsoever.

Any observation made herein shall not be construed to be an expression on merits of the case.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No