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

CRM-M-27730-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 22.01.2021.

JANAK RAJ

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

Present: Mr. Inderjit Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Bhupinder Beniwal, AAG, Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA, J. (Oral)

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

CRM-24983-2020

Prayer in this application filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is to place on record copy of statement of PW-1 Amandeep Kaur and PW-2 prosecutrix.

For the reasons stated in the application, same is allowed and the documents Annexures PW1 and PW2 are taken on record.

CRM-M-27730-2020

Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.119 dated 31.10.2019 registered under Section 354 IPC and Section 8 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 at Police Station Sadar Gurdaspur, District Gurdaspur.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is custody for 1 year and 28 days and as against 12 witnesses cited by the prosecution, only 3 witnesses have been examined.

Learned State counsel does not dispute the aforesaid facts.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody for the last 1 year and 28 days and trial in the case is not likely to be culminated in the near future, this Court deems it appropriate to admit the petitioner on bail.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is admitted on regular bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

22.01.2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable:

Yes/No.
Yes/No.