

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

**CRM-M-33265-2020(O&M)
Date of Decision: 09.09.2021**

(Heard through VC)

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...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. Ravi Malhotra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C., seeking concession of regular bail in case FIR No.172 dated 15.11.2019 under Section 376 AB IPC and Section 6 of POCSO Act, registered at Police Station Division No.5, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner herein would argue that in fact the entire episode as narrated in the FIR is on account of a dispute that was pending between the parties. He further submits that the trial has reached at the fag end and the matter is now listed for the statement of the petitioner herein under Section 313 Cr.P.C.

Per contra, learned State counsel would oppose the grant of regular bail by contending that the prosecutrix was a minor, aged 4 years, at the time of incident and she has supported the allegations in her version before the Court.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and in view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner that the trial is at the fag end, deem it appropriate to dispose of this petition by giving a direction to the Court below to decide the matter expeditiously.

Ordered accordingly.

09.09.2021
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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

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