

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M- 38918-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 22.09.2021

(Heard through VC)

Joginder

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Haryana

.... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present Mr. D. K. Tuteja, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Sihag, AAG, Haryana.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J.(Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner pending trial in FIR No.167 dated 07.07.2021, under Section 354-A IPC and Section 12 of the POCSO Act registered at Police Station Civil Lines Rohtak.

Learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that the petitioner herein has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is contended that the petitioner herein is in custody since 08.07.2021. The matter stands investigated and the challan stands presented. It is argued that 13 witnesses have been cited but none has been examined yet hence the trial is likely to take time to conclude.

Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-

State, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner, while submitting that offence alleged against the petitioner is serious in nature, however, does not dispute the fact that the matter stands investigated and challan stands presented.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

The trial is likely to take some time to conclude. The petitioner herein has been in custody since 08.07.2021. The matter stands investigated and the challan stands presented. No useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars any longer. At this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

Anything observed in this order shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case.

22.09.2021

seema goran

(JAISHREE THAKUR)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
No