

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

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**CRM-M-38338-2020
Decided on:16.02.2021**

JASPREET SINGH @ JASSI

.... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. Sumeet Puri, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (ORAL)

This is a petition that has been filed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.99 dated 09.10.2019 under Sections 363, 366-A, 376(2)(N) IPC and Section 6 of the POCSO Act, 2012 registered at Police Station Cheema, District Sangrur.

Counsel for the petitioner herein *inter alia* would contend that in fact the prosecutrix and the petitioner herein are well known to each other and that she has suffered a statement stating therein that on attaining majority, she would like to continue to stay with the petitioner with whom she had solemnized marriage on 07.10.2019. It is further contended that the investigation is complete and the challan stands presented and therefore, custodial interrogation of the petitioner would no longer be required.

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Learned counsel appearing for the respondent-State opposes the regular bail, who argues that no ground is made out for concession of regular bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

The investigation is complete and the challan has already been presented. Keeping in view the statement made by the prosecutrix and the fact that the trial is likely to take some time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars. The instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal/ surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, any observation made herein shall not be construed to be an expression on merits of the case.

16.02.2021
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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No