

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

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**CRM-M-3024-2022
Decided on : 11.02.2022**

Shakeel

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Haryana

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

PRESENT: Mr. Sarfraj Hussain, Advocate,
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Karan Sharma, DAG, Haryana
assisted by ASI Anita.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

This is the third petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 22, dated 26.02.2019, under Sections 342, 354A, 354D, 363, 376, 506, 34 of iPC and Section 4 of the POCSO Act, 2012, registered at Women Police Station, Palwal, District Palwal.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 26th February, 2019 and there is no likelihood of the trial concluding anytime in the near future. Hence, he be extended the concession of bail.

Per contra, learned State counsel while opposing the prayer made by the counsel opposite, on instructions from ASI Anita, has submitted that only one prosecution witness remains to be examined out of the 19 prosecution witnesses cited. He has submitted that in the circumstances, the trial would be concluding shortly.

In the wake of submissions made by learned State counsel,

this Court does not deem it appropriate to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner.

Petition stands dismissed.

At this stage, a request has been made by learned counsel for the petitioner, that directions be issued to the trial Court concerned to expedite the trial.

Keeping in view the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner coupled with the fact that the petitioner has been in custody since 26th February, 2019, the trial Court concerned is directed to expedite the trial and make all endeavours to conclude the same expeditiously, preferably within a period of three months from the date of this order.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

February 11, 2022

J.Ram

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