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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-12570-2022

Date of Decision: March 30, 2022

Raju Kumar

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Ms.Surabhi Kaushik, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr.Vishal Kashyap, DAG, Haryana.

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RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J.(ORAL)

Instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. praying for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.575, dated 28.06.2018, under Section 4 of the POCSO Act and Sections 363, 366-A, 376 IPC, registered at Police Station Model Town, Panipat.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that petitioner is behind bar since 29.07.2018. It is further submitted that both, the petitioner and the prosecutrix, remained together for about a month, however, the prosecutrix being less than 18 years of age, he was implicated in the present case at the behest of the relatives of the prosecutrix. She has submitted that the petitioner has almost completed four years behind bars whereas the trial is still going on.

On the other hand, learned State counsel submits that out of total 17 witnesses, 11 have already been examined and now only formal

State of U.P. and hence there are every chances of his fleeing if granted bail at this juncture of time. However, the custody period undergone by the petitioner cannot be ignored.

In view of the attending circumstances, the trial Court is directed to expedite the trial and conclude the same expeditiously preferably within three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. It is further directed that if the trial Court feels that the proceedings are to be conducted on day-to-day basis, then the said course be adopted.

Disposed of in view of the above terms.

March 30, 2022
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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

- 1. Whether speaking/reasoned ?**
- 2. Whether reportable ?**

Yes/No
Yes/No