

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

**CRM-M-26362-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision : 15.02.2022**

Vikram @ Bikka

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Raj Kapoor Malik, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vishal Kashyap, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Randeep S. Dhull, Advocate
for the complainant.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Matter has been taken up through video conferencing via Webex facility in the light of the Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.101 dated 14.07.2019, under Sections 363, 366-A of the Indian Penal Code (Sections 376/511, 506, 368, 344, 120-B IPC and Sections 4, 8 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act have been added later on), registered at Police Station Titram District Kaithal.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is behind the bars since 1st October, 2019. He has also submitted that it was a case of run away couple which has been deliberately given the colour of rape. He has submitted that all the prosecution witnesses have been examined

Learned counsel for the complainant and the State counsel submit that the trial in this case is virtually at the fag end. The counsel for the petitioner though, submits that all prosecution witnesses have been examined but learned State counsel submits that as per his information, out of 26 prosecution witnesses, 20 witnesses already stand examined and the next date before the trial Court is 16.03.2022.

Learned counsel for the petitioner in all his fairness does not touch the merits of the case.

In the attending facts and circumstances, the trial is said to be at the fag end. In view of the facts and circumstances, I do not find it appropriate stage for granting the regular bail to the petitioner. However, learned trial Court is requested to expedite the trial and conclude the same at the earliest. The Court cannot lose the sight that the petitioner is behind the bars since 01.10.2019.

In view of the above, the present petition stands disposed of accordingly.

15.02.2022
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(**RAJESH BHARDWAJ**)
JUDGE

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