

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

CRM-M-31575-2020

Date of decision : 14.01.2022

Gurmeet @ Jassa

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Karan Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. B.S. Virk, D.A.G., Haryana.

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.0342 dated 19.11.2019, under Sections 342, 363, 366-A read with Section 6 of POCSO Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Narwana, District Jind, Haryana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is in custody since 04.12.2019 and the trial is likely to take sufficient time so, he be granted the concession of bail.

Learned State counsel submits that the victim is 16 years of age and the petitioner has chequered history. He submits that in all there are 22 more cases against this petitioner. He has placed on record the list of all these cases, though, in number of cases, he has already undergone the sentence and in some cases, he is acquitted. However, the list produced by the State Counsel would show that the maximum cases

against the petitioner are under Section 379 IPC and few of them are also pending trial. The petitioner is behind the bars since 04.12.2019. He submits that out of 19 prosecution witnesses, 05 witnesses have been examined and the case is fixed for 17th February, 2022. He submits that now primarily official witnesses remain to be examined and the prosecution would examine and conclude the prosecution evidence shortly. Heard.

The victim is 16 years of age and there are categorical allegations against the petitioner. There is no gainsaying that there are 22 more cases against the petitioner. In the overall facts and circumstances of the case, I find that no case for grant of bail is made out. Petition is dismissed. However, the trial Court is requested to conclude the trial as early as possible, preferably, within a period of 06 months.

14.01.2022
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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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