

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

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CRM-M-15265-2022

Date of decision: 28.02.2023

JOGINDER SINGH

..... petitioner

VS

STATE OF PUNJAB

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present :- Mr.Chandan Singh Rana, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr.Arun Gupta, AAG Punjab

ALOK JAIN, J. :

The instant petition has been filed seeking grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.132 dated 13.11.2020 under Sections 363,366-A, 376 and 506 of IPC and Sections 3 and 4 of The Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act, 2012, registered at Police Station Doraha, District Ludhiana.

Custody certificate dated 27.02.2023 has been filed by the respondent-State, which is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that out of 13 witnesses, 06 witnesses have been examined including all the material witnesses. He further submits that the petitioner is in custody since 19.11.2020.

Learned State counsel has affirmed the submission made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties and the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 19.11.2020 and more so, the material witnesses have already been examined and the trial is likely to take long time, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

In view of the above, without commenting upon the merits, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

28.02.2023

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