

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

**CRM-M-23799-2023**

**Date of decision : 07.08.2023**

**Bittu**

**.....Petitioner**

**versus**

**State of Haryana**

**..... Respondent**

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ**

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Present :- Mr. Yashpal Thakur, Advocate for  
Mr. Pankaj Mehta, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Ms. Upasana Dhawan, AAG, Haryana

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**RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)**

Prayer in the present second petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.487 dated 15.10.2020, under Sections 365, 376(2)(n), 411, 420, 482, 506 of IPC and Section 6 of POCSO Act (Section 354-A, 363, 467, 468, 471 of IPC & Section 8 of POSCO Act, 2012) have been deleted later on, at Police Station Meham, District Rohtak.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is behind bars since 29.10.2020 and thus, has virtually completed about 02 years 08 months behind bars. However, learned State counsel, on instructions, has submitted that out of 32 prosecution witnesses, 26 witnesses have already been examined and today is the date fixed for examination of the remaining witnesses.

After hearing counsel for the State, it is apparent that the majority of the witnesses have already been examined by the prosecution

and only 06 witnesses remained to be examined and today is the date fixed before the trial Court.

Looking at the stage of trial, this Court does not find it appropriate to go into the merits of the case. However keeping in view the custody period of the petitioner, the trial Court is requested to expedite the trial and conclude the same expeditiously preferably within a period of 04 months from today.

Petition stands disposed of.

( RAJESH BHARDWAJ )  
JUDGE

07.08.2023  
*m. sharma*

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No  
Whether reportable : Yes/No