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cannot be termed to be of much significance at this stage. The effect of delay, if any is to be seen during the course of trial. Moreover, in her statement under Section 164 Cr.P.C, the victim has specifically and categorically stated that the physical relations were developed with the petitioner though with her own consent. The age of the victim is less than 18 years of age and her consent is in the instant case is immaterial. The petitioner has allegedly enticed the victim who is less than 18 years of age. The custodial interrogation of the petitioner is appears to be essential for thorough probe and investigation of the case.

6. Keeping in view the entire circumstances and gravity of allegations, no extraordinary circumstances are made out to extend the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.

7. In view of the above, the present petition is dismissed.

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(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

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