



Sr. No.231

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-12099-2024
Date of decision: 18th July 2024

CHARAN SINGHPetitioner
versus
STATE OF PUNJABRespondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN

Present: Mr. Naveen Batra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 seeking regular bail in case FIR No.129 dated 30.10.2023, under Sections 451, 354 IPC, 1860 and Section 10 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (Amended), 2012, 2019, registered at Police Station Anandpur Sahib, District Rupnagar (Annexure P-1).
2. The FIR has been registered at the instance of mother of the prosecutrix with the allegations that in their absence, the petitioner being known to their family, came to their house on 27.10.2023. The petitioner is alleged to have caught hold of the hand of the prosecutrix with wrong intention and asked mobile number of some girl, due to which, the prosecutrix got frightened and went outside the room. Thereafter, on 29.10.2023, the petitioner is alleged to have come to the house of the prosecutrix and asked her to come with him in the absence of her parents.
3. Notice of motion.



4. Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State of Punjab and filed custody certificate dated 17.07.2024, as per which, the petitioner is in custody for a period of 08 months and 16 days. The same is taken on record.
5. Learned State counsel has informed that out of total 11 prosecution witnesses, 06 witnesses have been examined and 03 witnesses have been given up.
6. Investigation is complete. Challan/final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has been presented. The petitioner is in custody for a period of 08 months and 16 days. The trial will take some time to conclude. There is no apprehension of absconding of the petitioner during the trial, as such, without commenting on the merits of the case and keeping in view the above facts, the present petition is allowed.
7. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.
8. However, the petitioner shall not visit the house of the prosecutrix during the pendency of the trial.
9. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand disposed of.

(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE

18th July 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No