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211 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2024:PHHC:122680



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DATE OF DECISION : 17.09.2024

AJAY SINGH ... PETITIONER

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB ... RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN

Present: Mr. Manu Loona, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.
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HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking regular bail in case FIR No. 151 dated 31.08.2023 under Sections 363, 366-A, 376, 120-B IPC and Section 6 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act and later on Sections 3 & 4 of POCSO Act were deleted, registered at Police Station City Jalalabad, District Fazilka.
2. Status report by way of affidavit of Achhru Ram Sharma, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Jalalabad and custody certificate dated 16.09.2024 have been taken on record.
3. There are no allegations of sexual assault against the petitioner. He is only alleged to have assisted the co-accused, Badal. However, in the statement recorded under Section 164 Cr.P.C., the prosecutrix has not

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levelled any allegations against the petitioner. All the co-accused of the petitioner are in custody. Only 2, out of 19 witnesses have been examined so far.

4. The petitioner is in cusotdy for 07 months and 16 days. There is no history of any other case against the petitioner. The conclusion of the trial is going to take time. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. 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 concerned.

5. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

17.09.2024

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**(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No