220/2 **IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH**

2024:PHHC:108620

CRM-M-45552-2023 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION : 22.08.2024

RAJAT **... PETITIONER**

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB **... RESPONDENT**

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN

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

Petitioner is seeking regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 71 dated 10.12.2022 under Sections 363, 366 IPC (Section 376 IPC and Section 6 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, added later on) registered at Police Station Ghuman Kalan, District Gurdaspur.

Custody certificate has been taken on record.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Keeping in view the age of the victim who was 13-1/2 years at the time of alleged occurrence, no ground is made out to release the petitioner on bail. However, keeping in view the custody period of the petitioner i.e. 1 year and 6 months, the trial Court is requested to expedite the trial and decide the same within a period of 3 months from today.

The petition stands dismissed.

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

22.08.2024 **(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)**
Janki **JUDGE**

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

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High Court Chandigarh