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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-58425-2024 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 27.11.2024

Naresh Kumar

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr.Samay Singh Sandhawalia, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. J.S. Arora, DAG, Punjab.

Rajesh Bhardwaj, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present third petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in a case FIR No.110 dated 21.08.2019, registered under Sections 376, 506 IPC and Section 6 of POCSO Act, 2012, at Police Station Nangal, Rupnagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is behind bars since 21.08.2019. He submits that earlier trial commenced for the charges under Section 4 of POCSO Act, however, thereafter the charges were amended and the petitioner is now being prosecuted for the offence under Section 6 of POCSO Act. He has fairly submitted that the case is fixed before the trial Court for the examination of defence evidence.

Needless to say that the petitioner is behind bars from the last more than five years. Keeping in view the stage of the trial, the Court refrains itself from going into the merits of the case and thus, the present petition is disposed of. However, learned trial Court is directed to expedite the trial and conclude the same at the earliest.

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)

JUDGE