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CHANDIGARH
CRM-M-28318-2025 (O&M)
Reserved on: 28.08.2025
Pronounced on: 29.08.2025
RAVENDRA KUMAR @ RAVINDER **...Petitioner**

V/S

UT OF CHANDIGARH **...Respondent**
CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Mohit Rathee, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sumit Jain, PP UT Chandigarh.

Mr. TTP Singh, Advocate
for the complainant.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J. (Oral)

Through this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C., petitioner seeks regular bail in case arising out of FIR No. 31 dated 16.04.2024 under Sections 354, 354-A, 506 of Indian Penal Code and Section 10 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, Police Station Sector 3 (North), Chandigarh. This is the second petition for regular bail. The first petition was dismissed as withdrawn on 14.01.2025.

The facts, as per FIR, are that mother of the prosecutrix informed the police that on 16.04.2024, at about 5.30 PM, when she came back from work, her minor daughter, aged 13 years, student of Class 9th in Government School, informed that their neighbour Ravinder visited their home and after making enquiry about her parents, pushed her. She fell on the bed and sat down. Thereafter, Ravinder touched her chest inappropriately. When she tried to scream, he pressed her mouth with one hand and with the other, he held her hand. She kicked his abdomen, upon which he threatened to kill her, if she disclosed the



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incident to anyone. Thereafter, he left.

It has been argued that petitioner had been falsely involved, on account of a dispute with parents of the prosecutrix, over common passage. Further, he was in custody since 16.04.2024 and all material witnesses in the case had been examined. Trial may take some time to culminate.

Learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for the complainant opposed the prayer for bail on the ground that trial of the case was at fag end. All witnesses had been examined and the case was fixed for 04.09.2025 for recording statement of the accused under Section 313 Cr.P.C. Considering age of the victim, who was molested, when her parents were away, prayer was made that application for bail be dismissed.

All witnesses of the prosecution have been examined in the case. There is no prospect of petitioner influencing them. Considering the nature and substance of allegations levelled against him, but without meaning to comment on merits of the case, petitioner-Ravendra Kumar @ Ravinder, is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

The petition is allowed.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

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Ajay Goswami

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No