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**IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH**

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Reserved on: 11.03.2026

Pronounced on: 13.03.2026

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KARAN @ KARAN GOSHOWAMI

...Petitioner

VERSUS**STATE OF HARYANA**

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPALPresent: Mr. Sanyam Khetarpal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, DAG Haryana.

Mr. Amandeep Chauhan, Advocate
for the complainant.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL, J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioner seeks regular bail in case arising out of FIR No. 365 dated 11.06.2024 under Section 10 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, Police Station Saran, District Faridabad. This is the first petition for regular bail.

2. Mother of the minor victim reported to the police that son of her maternal uncle Karan visited their house on 14.05.2024 and returned home in the evening. On 05.06.2024, her daughter 'G' aged 06 years, informed that when Kannu came to visit them, he put his hand inside her underwear and touched her private parts.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner was innocent and had been falsely implicated in the FIR. There was unexplained



delay of 01 month in lodging the FIR. Further, there were material contradictions in the prosecution version with regard to the dates and sequence of events. Thus, prosecution story was unreliable. Even statement of the prosecutrix under Section 164 Cr.P.C. varied from her statement in the Court. Petitioner had been falsely implicated on account of previous dispute and he was behind bars w.e.f. 06.09.2024. The victim and complainant stood examined. Therefore, petitioner deserved to be enlarged on regular bail.

4. Learned State counsel has opposed the prayer for regular bail submitting that out of 11 prosecution witnesses, only 02 were examined so far, including the complainant and victim and both supported the prosecution case. She prayed for dismissal of the application for bail in view of grave nature of allegations.

5. Mr. Amandeep Chauhan, Advocate has on his own put in appearance on behalf of complainant and filed his power of attorney. He states that complainant had no objection to release of the petitioner on bail.

6. Petitioner is in judicial custody in the case w.e.f. 06.09.2024 i.e. for the last one and half years. Victim child and complainant have been examined during the course of trial. Though the effect of contradictory statements during the course of investigation and trial would be ascertained by the trial Court at the time of final decision, the fact remains that there is no prospect of the petitioner influencing the witnesses. Out of 11 PWs, only 02 have been examined so far. As such, trial appears to be progressing slowly and conclusion thereof is likely to take long. Considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, his clean antecedents and the fact that he has a fixed abode,



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petition is allowed. Petitioner-Karan @ Karan Goshwami is ordered to be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing requisite bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate.

7. Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed as an opinion on merits of the case.

MARCH 13, 2026

Ajay Goswami

**(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

: Yes/No

Whether reportable

: Yes/No