



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

CRM-M-62965-2025(O&M)

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RAJU @ SATBIR

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

Coram: Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Shalini Singh Nagpal

Present: Mr. Naveen Jhajholia, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kshitij Bharti, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J.

1. Petitioner seeks regular bail in case arising out of FIR No. 283 dated 21.11.2024 under Sections 64(1), 351(3) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 4 Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, Police Station Sadar Palwal. This is the first petition for regular bail.

2. Mother of the prosecutrix alleged that on 21.11.2024, at around 4.30 am, her daughter left home to fetch water. When she was collecting water from the Government Tank in front of their house, Raju caught her from behind, gagged her mouth and took her to a secluded spot, where he forcibly committed rape. As soon as he removed his hand from her mouth, she screamed, upon which complainant and the neighbours reached the spot, whereafter Raju ran away, while threatening to kill her.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner was in judicial custody for the last 01 year 02 months. No injury marks were revealed during medico legal examination of the prosecutrix. In fact,



petitioner and prosecutrix were in a consensual relationship. Statement of the prosecutrix and her mother had been recorded during the trial. Thus, petitioner deserved to be released on bail. In this context he referred to judgment of this Court in ***Rajesh Vs. State of Haryana 2025(4) RCR(Criminal) 710.***

3. Learned State counsel has opposed the prayer for regular bail while conceding that victim as well as her mother had been recorded during the trial. She stated that both witnesses supported the prosecution case. Out of total 19 PWs, 09 had been examined. FSL report was also received and was incriminating. Considering the serious nature of allegations, petitioner did not deserved to be released on bail.

4. As per allegations, petitioner sexually assaulted the minor victim aged 14 years in the wee hours of morning, when she had gone to fetch water from the Government Tank. The offence committed is grave and punishable with minimum imprisonment for a term not less than 20 years extendable to imprisonment for life. Considering, the *prima facie* material available against the petitioner, gravity of offence, quantum of punishment conviction may entail, the manner in which the offence was committed and all relevant facts and circumstances of the case, the petition is dismissed.

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

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

11.02.2026
Ajay Goswami

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No