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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 29.04.2025

Gaurav Soni

...Appellant

Versus

State of Haryana and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE KIRTI SINGH

Present:- Mr. Amit Choudhary, Advocate
for the appellant

Mr. Anmol Malik, DAG Haryana

Mr. Vikas Bishnoi, Advocate
for respondent No. 2

KIRTI SINGH, J.(Oral)

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This is an application under Section 5 of the Limitation Act for condonation of delay of 04 days in filing the appeal.

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed.

Delay of 04 days in filing the appeal stands condoned.

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The present appeal filed has been filed under Section 14-A of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 against the impugned order dated 17.07.2024 passed by learned Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Fast Track Court, Fatehabad vide which regular bail of the appellant stood dismissed in case FIR No.441 dated 16.08.2023 under Sections 6 of the Protection of Children From Sexual Offence Act, 2012,

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354-A (1) (i), 376(2)(n), 363, 366, 506 of Indian Penal code, 1860 and section 3(2)(v) of SC & ST Act, 1989 (Amendment 2015) and Section 8 of POCSO Act, 2012 at Police Station City Fatehabad, District Fatehabad.

2. Learned counsel for the appellant submits that the appellant has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submits that the appellant and the victim were in consensual relationship for two years. It has further been argued that the appellant has undergone actual custody of 01 year, 08 months and 11 days and there are two other cases registered against him.

3. Per contra, learned State counsel on instructions submits that out of a total of 24 prosecution witnesses, 19 prosecution witnesses have been examined and 05 have been summoned for the next date of hearing i.e. for 05.05.2025. He further submits that appellant has undergone an actual custody of 01 year, 08 months and 11 days and there are two more cases pending against him.

4. Considering the fact that the trial is at the fag end, this Court does not deem it appropriate to interfere at this stage.

5. The appeal stands dismissed.

6. However, the trial Court is directed to conclude the trial expeditiously.

29.04.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE

Yes/No
Yes/No