Dharmander Singh @ Sahib ... vs The State (Govt. Of Nct, Delhi) on 6 July, 2020

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Bench: Anup Jairam Bhambhani

% 06.07.2020 CRL. M.A. No. 8707/2020 (for exemption) Exemption is granted, subject to just exceptions and subject to the applicant completing all requirements of filing typed/certified/ legible copies of annexures, attested affidavits and the requisite court fees within 10 days of physical re-opening of the court.

ORDER

The application stands disposed of.

The petitioner, who is an undertrial in case FIR No.471/2018 dated 14.10.2018 registered under sections 323/343/363/366A/376/506 IPC read with sections 6/21 of the POCSO Act 2012 at PS: Hari Nagar, Delhi, seeks regular bail.

- 2. Ms. Vagisha Kochar, learned counsel appearing for the applicant states that the applicant and the prosecutrix were in a consensual relationship; and that while the applicant was about 22 years of age, the prosecutrix was in fact 19 years of age, though she now denies this fact and claims to be a minor. Ms. Kochar further states that even as per the testimony of the prosecutrix given during trial, it is evident that there was no lack of valid consent on her part.
- 3. Ms. Kochar further points-out that the applicant has been in custody since 17.11.2018. It is submitted that the applicant's mother was also co-accused under section 21 of the POCSO Act, but has since been discharged by the trial court.

- 4. Issue notice.
- 5. Mr. Tarang Srivastava, learned APP for the State appears on advance copy; accepts notice; and seeks time to file status report.
- 6. Let status report be filed before the next date, with advance copy to the opposing counsel.
- 7. Let updated nominal roll be requisitioned from the Jail Superintendent.
- 8. List on 24.07.2020.

ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI, J.

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