

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

Date of Decision : 20.01.2015

1) C.R.M-M No.232 of 2015 (O&M)

Anil Kumar

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

2) C.R.M-M No.268 of 2015 (O&M)

Arjun Sharma

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. Madan Lal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Deepak Garg, A.A.G., Punjab.

1. Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the Reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)

These are two petitions for the grant of regular bail to the petitioners in case FIR No.71, dated 22.08.2014, registered under Sections 376, 384, 506, 411 IPC and 67 of the IT Act at Police Station Division No.1, Pathankot. The petition bearing CRM-M-232-2015 has been filed by Anil

Kumar and the petition bearing CRM-M-268-2015 has been filed by Arjun Sharma. Both the petitions are decided by the common order.

As per the surviving allegations, Arjun Kumar after befriending the prosecutrix had blackmailed her and Anil Kumar was his friend.

As regards Anil Kumar, the learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that his case is on exact parity to that of co-accused Abhimanyu Khosla who was granted bail by order dated 12.12.2014 passed in CRM-M-37089-2014.

Learned Assistant Advocate General on instructions from ASI Chamba Singh has accepted that the case of Anil Kumar is covered by the case of Abhimanyu Khosla. However as regards Arjun Sharma, the learned Assistant Advocate General has argued that he had exploited the minor.

As regards Arjun Sharma, the learned counsel for the petitioners states that he would not press this petition and prays for permission to withdraw this petition at this stage.

In the circumstances, the petition bearing CRM-M-268-2015 is dismissed as withdrawn at this stage while petition bearing CRM-M-232-2015 is disposed of. It is directed that the petitioner-Anil Kumar be released on regular bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

Since the main cases have been decided, the pending criminal miscellaneous application, if any, also stands disposed of.

January 20, 2015

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**(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE**