

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

(101)

CRM-M-30299-2015

Decided on: September 15, 2015.

Raj Singh and another

.... Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI

Present: Mr. Maharaj Kumar, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. C.S. Bakshi, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

M.M.S. BEDI, J (ORAL)

Petitioners seek the concession of pre-arrest bail in a case registered at the instance of Varinder Kumar alleging that he was trapped by the honey-talks of the lady, Preet Kaur and after he had been allured in sexual activity, his photographs were prepared. Petitioners arrived on the spot and money was demanded from the complainant. Deal was struck for a sum of Rs.13 lacs. A blank cheque was handed over to petitioner No.2 under duress.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner No.1 is not involved in the case.

Counsel for the complainant Mr. J.S. Cooner, has intervened.

The investigating officer (Sub Inspector Kulwant Singh) in this case is also present in the Court. A list of 8 cases registered against petitioner No.1 has been made available.

So far as petitioner No.2 is concerned, he is specifically named in the FIR having actively participated. Investigating officer informs that petitioner No.2 is also involved in two cases i.e. FIR No.30 of 2009, Police Station Saha and FIR No.162 dated 16.11.2012 both of trespassing registered at Police Station Saha.

Counsel for the petitioners submits that the blank cheque had been received by petitioner No.2 as he was called by the complainant to intervene and amicably get the matter resolved. He has stated that he is ready to hand over the blank cheque given as security to him by the complainant.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioners, learned counsel for the complainant and gone through the police file of the investigating officer. There are serious allegations against the petitioners that they belong to a gang which indulges in the acts of extortion by black-mailing on the pretext of involvement in cases of rape and molestation.

In view of above circumstances, I do not deem it appropriate to grant the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners.

The petition is dismissed without prejudice to the right of the petitioners to seek concession of regular bail by surrendering before the investigation officer/Illaqa Magistrate.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

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