

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

CRM-M-35077 of 2015.

Date of decision: 20.10.2015.

Rupa alias Harjit Kaur.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab.

.....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

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

Present: Mr. Surinder Garg, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARI PAL VERMA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner, namely, Rupa alias Harjit Kaur has filed the present petition under section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 153 dated 05.09.2015 under Sections 384, 389, 170, 171, 342, 506 and 120-B of IPC registered at Police Station City Kotkapura, District Faridkot.

The FIR was registered against number of persons including the petitioner, on the allegation that they have constituted a gang, who after alluring the people, took them and extort money from them on the pretext of fulfillment of their lust of physical relations. Their modus is to prepare obscene video of people and thereafter to blackmail them. The members of the gang have even extorted money in a deceitful manner ranging from

Rs.50,000/- to Rs.2,00,000/- from many persons. The ladies of the gang have even used the fake uniform of Punjab Police to execute their plan.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case and she has nothing to do with the case. He further contends that the FIR was registered on the basis of secret information, however, source of information was never disclosed. He also contends that the petitioner is neither member of the said gang nor accompanied any body to form the gang. He submits that the story of the prosecution is quite unnatural and highly improbable and thus petitioner deserves concession of pre-arrest bail.

Heard.

The learned Sessions Judge, Faridkot while dismissing the bail application of the petitioner in view of the gravity of offence has also observed that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is necessary.

Considering the fact that the allegations against the petitioner are serious, no ground for grant of concession of pre-arrest bail is made out at this stage.

Dismissed.

October 20, 2015

Yag Dutt

**(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE**