

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

Crl.Misc.No.M-41704 of 2014(O&M)

Date of Decision : 20.03.2015

Kulwinder Singh alias Kindu

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHESH GROVER

Present : Mr.S.K.Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Ravinder Singh Randhawa, Addl. AG Punjab

MAHESH GROVER, J.

The petitioner in the instant petition prays for grant of pre-arrest bail in case FIR no. 97 dated 10.9.2014 registered under Sections 420, 384, 120-B IPC at Police Station Mahilpur, Hoshiarpur.

The petitioner alongwith others have been accused of masquerading as police officers who went to the house of the complainant and made him strip and got his photographs clicked in objectionable positions with a female in order to black mail him and extort money from him.

These being the allegations which prima facie are very serious in nature will require a rigorous investigation.

Learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that he has no role to play and the petitioner has been falsely implicated. Besides there is no name mentioned in the FIR and the ones whose names have been mentioned as co-accused have been granted the benefit of regular bail.

Be that as it may, the fact remains that benefit of pre-arrest bail

can be granted to a person in case of possibility of false implication and the nature of the offence would also be a guiding factor.

Finding that the petitioner is involved in a very serious offence where allegations of blackmailing and extortion are levelled against him, I do not deem it appropriate to grant him the benefit of pre-arrest bail. However, it would be open to the petitioner to make a prayer for regular bail before the Court of competent jurisdiction. In case he does so, the same shall be disposed of as expeditiously as possible.

Disposed of.

Nothing said herein shall be construed to be an expression on the merits of the case.

March 20, 2015
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(Mahesh Grover)
Judge