

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

CRM-M No.13296 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 23.04.2016

Rakesh Kumar

..... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Bhupinder Singh Thind, Advocate for the petitioner.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

The prayer is for grant of anticipatory bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C. to the petitioner/accused-Rakesh Kumar in case FIR No.21 dated 19.02.2016, under Sections 182, 193, 120-B, 420 of the Indian Penal Code, registered with Police Station Nangal, District Rupnagar (**Annexure P-1**).

The allegations against the petitioner/accused-Rakesh Kumar are that he in connivance with co-accused/non-applicants Pushpa and Jasbir Kaur are involved in the racket of blackmailing the innocent persons and extracting amounts of money under the pretext of allegations of rape of prosecutrix-Jasbir Kaur.

Two sons of the complainant-Tulsi Dass, namely, Ajay Kumar and Ravi Kumar were falsely implicated in a case under Section 376, IPC by the prosecutrix-Jasbir Kaur in connivance of the aforesaid two accused, namely, Rakesh Kumar (petitioner) and Pushpa in a separate FIR No.62 dated 07.08.2013 and the allegations were found to be false as Jasbir Kaur gave a statement that nothing had happened with her on having received an amount of Rs.2 lacs from the complainant-Tulsi Ram. For such false/similar allegations, FIRs are stated to have been filed against co-accused Jasbir Kaur etc.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner heard.

Keeping in view the nature and gravity of the alleged offence, it is felt that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner would be required to unearth the racket and for fair and proper investigation.

Accordingly, the present petition stands dismissed.

April 23, 2016

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(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE