

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

Sr. No. 104

CRM NO. M-34676 of 2016

DECIDED ON: September 28, 2016

RANI

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. Amandeep Chhabra, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

JASPAL SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Through the instant petition preferred under Section 438 Cr.P.C., petitioner Rani has sought grant of pre-arrest bail apprehending her arrest in case FIR No.123, dated 21.08.2016, under Sections 3, 4 & 5 of Immoral Traffic Prevention Act, 1956 and Section 384 of IPC 1860, registered at Police Station Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

The instant case stands registered on the basis of a secret information received by DSP Manvinderbir Singh on the allegations that Rani @ Doctorni wife of Krishan Singh i.e. petitioner and one Sapna @ Nepaln are indulging in brothel by inviting male and female members to their houses. They are also indulged in black-mailing them subsequently for extortion of money. In pursuance of secret information, a raid has been conducted and 10 persons were apprehended on the spot, whereas 6 persons were apprehended from the house of the petitioner in the naked condition.

The contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner is that petitioner was not present at her house on the day the alleged raid was conducted. She was away to pay the obeisance at Mata Vaishno Devi Temple. Mere fact that the petitioner was not present at the spot does not ipso facto mean that allegations against her are wrong at this stage. The custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required to un-earth all the ramifications involved in the instant case. Otherwise also this Court is of the considered view that in the absence of custodial interrogation, investigation of the case is likely to be stultified, especially in the view that the petitioner appears to be one of the main accused.

Dismissed.

September 28, 2016

Avin/Ankur

**(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether Speaking/Reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No