

Sr. No.223

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

CRM No. M- 12230 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of Decision:24.04.2017

Mandeep Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. Karanvir Singh Khehar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail pending trial in FIR No.115 dated 21.06.2015 under Section 120-B, 384, 388, 506, 201 IPC and Section 7/13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, registered at Police Station Kalayat, District Kaithal.

Allegations in a nutshell against the petitioner are that he along with certain other co-accused had formed a gang and had adopted a *modus operandi* whereby rich and reputed persons were trapped by extending sexual favours with the aid of co-accused Geeta and Manjit Kaur and after preparing video footage, blackmail such persons and extort money.

It is a case where present petitioner had initially not been arrested. Other accused Azad Singh, Manjeet Kaur, Geeta alias Poonam and Virender alias Billu were put to trial and stand convicted.

In so far as the present petitioner is concerned, he was arrested subsequently on 18.12.2016 and challan against him has been presented on 04.01.2017.

Counsel appearing for the petitioner has argued that the version of the complainant i.e. Mahant Tirlok Nath as contained

in the complaint i.e. the initial version is at variance to his statement got recorded under Section 164 Cr.P.C. That apart the prosecution is relying upon three separate disclosure statements recorded of the petitioner.

Counsel has also brought to the notice of this Court that a revision petition was preferred by the petitioner i.e. CRR No.940 of 2017 against order dated 16.02.2017 passed by the trial Court framing charges against the petitioner under Sections 201, 384, 388, 506 IPC read with Section 120-B IPC as also Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act and in which notice of motion has been issued and further proceedings in pursuance to the impugned order, have been stayed.

The petitioner has faced incarceration since 18.12.2016.

Trial would not proceed further in the matter on account of the interim order passed by this Court on 14.03.2017 in CRR No.940 of 2017.

Without making any observation on merits, prayer made in the present petition, is accepted.

Petition is allowed. Petitioner be enlarged on bail subject to satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, Kaithal.

Disposed of.

24.04.2017

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	:	<i>No</i>