

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

CRM-M No.16998 of 2017
Date of decision: 24th May, 2017

Neeraj Bakshi

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present: Mr. Angel Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Deepak Sabharwal, Addl. Advocate General, Haryana
for the respondent/State.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Allegations against the petitioner Neeraj Bakshi in this petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail in case bearing FIR No.431 dated 27.12.2016 registered at Police Station GRP Ambala, District Ambala under Sections 306/34/384/120-B/201 IPC, are that on 26.12.2016 Kanwar Pal (now deceased), who happened to be husband of the complainant Sukhwinder Kaur, committed suicide by jumping in front of a running train and subsequently from his mobile phone it transpired that three years prior to this occurrence the accused in connivance with each other had prepared his video in an objectionable state with a lady and had been blackmailing him.

Contentions of the learned counsel for the petitioner
Mr.Angel Sharma, Advocate are that the petitioner has not been assigned

any role and is in custody since 16.01.2017 and similarly placed co-accused Abhishek Bali and Mohd. Akil @ Adil have already been allowed anticipatory bail by this Court vide orders dated 28.04.2017.

Though on behalf of the State, Mr. Deepak Sabharwal, Addl. Advocate General, Haryana has sought to oppose the bail application on the grounds that it was in the light of situation created by the accused the deceased was compelled to take this drastic step and thus, a case of abetment to suicide.

Appreciating the submissions, the own stand of the State that no specific role has been attributed to the petitioner in commission of the offence and the petitioner is in custody since long time and the trial is not likely to conclude in near future together with the fact that co-accused have already been allowed bail by this Court and thus, on account of principle of parity as well the petitioner is entitled to grant of bail. Accordingly, he is ordered to be released on regular bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Ambala.

The petition stands disposed off accordingly.

(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE

May 24, 2017

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No