

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

Sr. No.103

CRM-M-18262-2018
Date of decision : 02.05.2018

Hari Om

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. J. P. Jangu, Advocate, for the petitioner.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR No.187 dated 13.04.2018, registered at Police Station Sector-10, Gurugram, under Sections 384 and 120-B IPC.

As per the allegations in the FIR, one Manoj Kumar son of Beer Singh, was arrested by the police at the spot as he was extorting money from the vegetable vendors. After his arrest, he disclosed to the police that he was extorting money at the behest of the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the allegations made against the petitioner are palpably false. In fact, the petitioner is supplying electricity to the shopkeepers in the Mandi and is charging Rs.20/- from each one of them, but there is no extortion involved. None of the shopkeepers has complained against him. Moreover, the case is triable by a Magistrate and thus, the petitioner deserves to be granted anticipatory bail.

Specific allegations of extortion are there against the petitioner. His mear ipse dixit that he was not extorting any money, is not sufficient to convince this Court. Extortion is a serious offence and it is well-known that

local criminals indulge in such kind of activities and deprive small businessmen of their hard earned money.

Thus, I do not find any ground to exercise discretion under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in favour of the petitioner.

Accordingly, the petition is dismissed.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

02.05.2018

Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes/ No