

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

Sr. No.283

CRM-M-48354 of 2018

DECIDED ON: November 27, 2018

GURJEET SINGH @ HARRY

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

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

Mr. K.S. Sidhu, DAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.138, dated 10.08.2018, under Sections 379, 379-B, 411, 420, 471 IPC and Section 3 (1) (2) of the Prevention of Tampering of Mobile Device Equipment Identification Number Rules, 2017, registered at Police Station Sadar Mansa, District Mansa (P-1).

Short affidavit dated 26/27.11.2018 has been filed in Court. The same is taken on record. A copy thereof has been supplied to learned counsel for the petitioner.

According to the aforementioned affidavit, the allegation against the petitioner is that he used to tamper the IMEI numbers of mobile phones and co-accused Nirmal Singh has stated so in his disclosure statement. Another FIR has also been registered against the petitioner on similar allegations.

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Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that co-accused namely Nirmal Singh is a business rival and he has falsely implicated the petitioner.

At this stage, I cannot opine on whether the FIR is an outcome of business rivalry or not. There is another case pending against the petitioner on similar allegations and tampering of IMEI numbers of stolen mobile phones is a serious offence. Thus, I do not deem it appropriate to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

The petition is accordingly dismissed.

November 27, 2018

Ankur

**(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No