

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

CRM-M-763-2016 (O&M)

Date of decision: February 07, 2018

Ritnesh Dhawan @ Rinka

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. Bhavesh Aggarwal, for the petitioner.

Mr. A.A. Pathak, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Anupam Bhardwaj, Advocate for the complainant.

Rajan Gupta, J.

This is a petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking pre-arrest bail in a case registered against the petitioner under Sections 418, 420, 120-B IPC at Police Station 'B' Division, District Amritsar City, vide FIR No.171 dated 10.12.2015.

FIR was registered on the complaint made by Amardeep Singh, a goldsmith by profession. Allegations against the petitioner and co-accused Sham Lal are that about one year back, they had taken 500 grams and 300 grams gold from the complainant respectively for preparing ornaments, for which they had to charge from the complainant. It is alleged that they did not prepare the ornaments and return the same to the complainant. When complainant contacted them, accused threatened him.

Keeping in view seriousness of allegations, no case for pre-arrest

bail is made out. Needless to observe that FIR in question was registered in the year 2015. Proceedings are still pending. Present petition was filed way back in the year 2016. Interim bail was granted to the petitioner and taking advantage of this fact, petitioner had been trying to prolong the matter. During pendency of the present petition, petitioner sought time to settle the issue, but of no avail. In my considered view, custodial interrogation of the petitioner may be necessary to take the investigation to its logical end. It may not be possible to unravel the entire *modus operandi* of the crime, in case petitioner is armed with a protective order. Petition is without any merit and is hereby dismissed.

(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE

February 07, 2018
'Rajpal'

Whether speaking / reasoned	Yes / No
Whether Reportable:	Yes / No