

Crl. Misc. No. M-51209 of 2018

Date of Decision: November 21, 2018

Bittu Singh @ Jasbir Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present:- Mr. Sumeet Singh Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner

Sudhir Mittal, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 112 dated 20.09.2018, registered under Sections 384, 120-B IPC and Sections 3, 4, 5, 6 of Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1994 at Police Station Arniwala, District Fazilka, Punjab.

The contents of the FIR reveal that the complainant was enticed by one Jaswinder Kaur. He paid her Rs. 500/- for establishing physical relations and while they were doing so, some persons knocked the door. Jaswinder Kaur opened the door and the petitioner and co-accused came inside and started filming the couple. They threatened the complainant that unless he paid Rs. 80,000/- the video would be uploaded on the internet. Thereafter, the complainant paid a sum of Rs. 5000/- and the balance was promised to be paid later.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that from the averments in the FIR, it is not clear as to who was shooting the alleged video and to whom the money was paid. Vague allegations have been made against all the accused persons. Thus, the petitioner deserves to be granted anticipatory bail.

From the allegations made in the FIR, it is clear that the petitioner is

allegedly member of a group of people involved in ensnaring members of the public for the purposes of extortion. In such cases, all members of the group are equally liable and it is not necessary to make a specific allegation against an individual. Extortion is a serious offence and, thus, the argument of learned counsel for the petitioner can not be accepted.

The petition has no merit and is, accordingly, dismissed.

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No