

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-16162-2019

Date of Decision: 02.05.2019

Baljit Singh

.. Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Kamal Narula, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

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Inderjit Singh, J. (Oral)

Petitioner Baljit Singh has filed this petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.86 dated 13.10.2018, registered at Police Station Lakho Ke Behram, District Ferozepur, under Sections 384/506/120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section 66-F of the Information Technology Act.

Notice of motion was issued.

Learned State counsel has appeared on behalf of the respondent-State and contested this petition.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel and have gone through the record.

As per the allegations in the FIR, the main accused is Sukhwinder Singh @ Soni, who made the video on his mobile of the complainant after forcibly putting off his clothes. The money demanded from the complainant was also paid to other accused. The present petitioner is not the main accused.

In pursuance of the interim order dated 09.04.2019, passed by this Court, the petitioner has already joined the investigation. He is not required for custodial interrogation. No useful purpose would be served by sending him to custody.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case; without discussing the facts of the case in minute details and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I find merit in this petition and the same is allowed. The order dated 09.04.2019, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute. However, the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions of Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

02.05.2019
Jasmine Kaur

(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	No