

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc.-M-28705 of 2019.

Date of Decision: July 16, 2019.

Rita Rani

.....Petitioner

versus

The State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL.

Present: Mr.Sushil Bhardwaj, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr.Ashok Kumar Choudhary, Additional AG, Haryana.

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Gurvinder Singh Gill, J. (Oral)

The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of anticipatory bail in respect of FIR No.285 dated 22.06.2019 registered under Sections 3, 5 of Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 at Police Station, Shahabad, District Kurukshetra.

The FIR was lodged on the basis of some information received that Rita Rani (present petitioner) was indulging in prostitution and after taking money from the customers, used to supply girls for immoral activities. The information was further to the effect that even on that day, the petitioner, after taking money, had sent a girl to Land Mark Hospital, Ladwa Road, Shahabad, for illegal activities. Pursuant to the said information, raid was conducted at the nominated premises from where several boys, namely, Gautam, Rohit etc. were apprehended in the company of a girl. The said girl disclosed that she was sent for prostitution by the petitioner and that the petitioner had taken an amount of Rs.5,000/- from the boys out of which Rs.4,000/- was to be paid to her.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is being nominated as an accused merely on the basis of statement of some girl stated to be apprehended by the police in the company of some boys and there is no credible evidence to connect her with the alleged offence.

Opposing the petition, learned State counsel has submitted that the petitioner is involved in five other identical cases. The said position, however, has been disputed by learned counsel for the petitioner who has pointed out that the petitioner stands acquitted in three out of the aforesaid cases.

Upon considering the rival submissions made by both the counsel before this Court and bearing in mind the fact that the petitioner has been involved earlier also in such type of offences, this Court does not find any special case for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

The petition is dismissed.

However, in case the petitioner surrenders before the trial Court within one week from today and moves and application for grant of regular bail, the trial Court shall make an endeavour to dispose of such application expeditiously, preferably within one week from the date of filing of such application.

July 16, 2019
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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

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