

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

CRM-M-2503-2020
Decided on : 21.01.2020

Baljot Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. R.P.S.Cheema, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J.

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Section 438 Cr.PC is for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.123 dated 26.11.2019 registered under Sections 354, 506, 341, 34 IPC at Police Station Sadar Phagwara, District Kapurthala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that a perusal of the FIR reveals that the allegations levelled against the petitioner on the face of it are unbelievable and nothing but a bundle of lies. It cannot be believed that the accused person would have indulged in inappropriate behaviour by eve teasing the victim(daughter of the complainant) and pass cheap remarks in the presence of the complainant and other relatives, who were accompanying them at that time. It has also been contended that there was a delay of almost 15 days in lodging the FIR.

A perusal of the FIR however, reveals that soon after the alleged occurrence, a whatsapp message had been sent to the SSP Kapurthala and SP, Phagwara about the occurrence in question and it was only subsequently a complaint was moved to the police regarding

the alleged occurrence. In fact, it is a case wherein a young girl, who was accompanied by her family members was subjected to eve teasing and indecent remarks. As per the allegations in the FIR, when the petitioner was misbehaving and passing inappropriate remarks, he was confronted by the complainant, however, he did not even hesitate to reveal his name and address and threatened the complainant to do whatever he wanted to.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, no ground for grant of anticipatory bail is made out. Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed. However, it is clarified that nothing observed herein above would be construed as an expression on the merits of the case.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable :	Yes/No