

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

CRM-M-11666-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision : 28.05.2020

Amandeep Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Vishal Garg Narwana, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab alongwith
SI Pardeep Kaur.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner-Amandeep Singh prays for grant of regular bail pending trial in a criminal case arising from FIR No.55 dated 02.07.2019 registered under Section 354-D of the Indian Penal Code and Section 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 at Police Station Sadar Rajpura, District Patiala.

In a nutshell, the case of the prosecution is that a young girl of 16 years had lodged a complaint that Simranjit Singh, after having received ₹35,000/- from her under the threat of uploading her photo on social media, is refusing to return the amount.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has not been attributed any specific role and the Prosecuting Agency on

completion of the investigation has already presented its final report in the Court on 17.04.2020. He submits that the petitioner is in custody since 26.02.2020.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the State, has opposed the prayer on the ground that the co-accused of the petitioner was blackmailing the victim.

Without commenting on the merits of the case and while keeping in view the fact that no specific role has been attributed to the petitioner and investigations are complete, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed.

28.05.2020

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No