

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

**CRM-M-12294-2020 (O&M).
Date of Decision: August 05, 2020**

NEERAJ KALSI Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB Respondent(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Ms. Sarika Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr. DAG., Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 16 dated 20.01.2020, under Sections 379-BIPC, Police Station City Nawanshahr, District SBS Nagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this FIR merely on the basis of the alleged disclosure statement of the co-accused. The petitioner, it is submitted, is not involved in any other criminal case. He has joined investigation and undertakes to co-operate with the investigation.

It is pointed out at this stage that the offence punishable under Section 201 has been added on 05.07.2020. On oral request of learned counsel for the petitioner Section 201 IPC be incorporated in the head note and the prayer clause of the petition. Necessary addition be carried out by the Registry of this

Learned counsel for the State on instructions from ASI Purshottam Lal verifies that the petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required. It is further verified that he is not involved in any other criminal case.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances as above but without commenting upon or expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed. Consequently, order dated 13.05.2020 is made absolute. Needless to say, the petitioner shall comply with the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) of Cr.P.C.

It is clarified that none of the observations made hereinabove shall be construed to be a reflection on the merits of the case. The same are solely confined for the purpose of decision of the present petition.

August 05, 2020
Sunil

(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

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