

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

**CRM-M-15486 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision:29.07.2020**

Liyaqat Ali

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Rishav Jain, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. SPS Tinna, Addl.AG., Punjab.

LISA GILL, J(Oral).

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

Petitioner seeks the concession of anticipatory bail in FIR No.118 dated 18.06.2019, under Sections 3/4/5 of Immoral Traffic Prevention Act, 1956, registered at Police Station City Sangrur, District Sangrur.

Contentions on behalf of learned counsel for the petitioner as noted while issuing notice of motion on 17.06.2020, are reproduced as hereunder:-

“It is inter alia contended that the petitioner is not named in the FIR. Two persons namely Sapna and Gurdhian Singh, were arrested at the spot. As per the allegations, co-accused Amanjeet Kaur and Harinder Singh, were running a brothel in their residential area. The present petitioner, is not attributed with any role and is sought to be implicated on the basis of the disclosure statement of the co-accused. Petitioner, it is submitted, is not involved in any other criminal case. Moreover, the co-accused,

Amanjeet Kaur and Harinder Singh, have been afforded the concession of anticipatory bail on 12.09.2019 in CRM-M-30152 of 2019 (Annexure P-2).”

The petitioner, it is submitted has joined investigation and he undertakes to fully cooperate with the investigating agency and not abuse the concession of anticipatory bail, if afforded to him. The petitioner, it is submitted, is not involved in any other criminal case. It is thus prayed that this petition be allowed.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Amrik Singh, verifies that the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case. It is stated that he has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

There are no allegations on behalf of the State that the petitioner is likely to abscond or he is likely to dissuade the witnesses from deposing true facts in the Court, if granted the concession of anticipatory bail.

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 17.06.2020, is made absolute.

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.

29.07.2020
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[LISA GILL]
Judge

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