

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

**CRM-M-19657-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 22.07.2020**

Sarabjeet Singh Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN

Present : Mr. Aman Dhir, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Bhupinder Beniwal, AAG, Punjab.

RAMENDRA JAIN, J. (Oral)

Case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Through this second petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. prayer has been made for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.152 dated 14.05.2020, registered under Sections 384, 506, 34 IPC, at Police Station City Muktsar, District Shri Muktsar Sahib.

No new ground has been shown to the Court for entertaining this Second petition for grant of bail to the petitioner except the affidavit of Prince Chawla, Advocate, submitted before the police, testifying that no such incident of extortion of money of Rs.10,000/- out of total settled amount of Rs.50,000/- has taken place in his presence, which is the result of manipulation. There is specific allegation against the petitioner that he has extorted

Rs.10,000/- from the complainant on the pretext of defaming him by publication of news about lodging an FIR by the police against him under the Excise Act, claiming himself to be a press reporter. Such type of blackmailers in the society has increased manifolds in the recent past. Thus, in the considered opinion of this Court, the petitioner is required for custodial interrogation.

According, the instant petition stands dismissed.

22.07.2020

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(RAMENDRA JAIN)

JUDGE

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