

**220 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH
(through video conferencing)**

CRM-M-1921-2021
Decided on : 08.09.2021

Gurcharan Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Ms. Gurpreet Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. S.S.Deol, DAG, Punjab.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J.

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.148 dated 13.12.2020 under Sections 376 and 506 IPC 1860 registered at Police Station Division-D District Amritsar.

On 14.01.2021, a Coordinate Bench of this Court had granted the interim protection to the petitioner by observing as follows:

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the FIR has been lodged by Ramandeep Kaur, daughter-in-law of the petitioner, wherein she has alleged that she was given some intoxicant by her sister-in-law Malkit Kaur i.e. her husband’s sister on the pretext of giving her some medicine and upon consuming the same she felt giddy. She alleged that when she regained consciousness she found that Sandeep Arora, her husband’s friend, was making a video in objectionable condition and had physically exploited her. The complainant alleged that although she informed her husband telephonically about the same but he did not pay any heed and stated that the same was not an issue. The complainant further alleged

that at that time her father-in-law Gurcharan Singh (petitioner) was also present and that subsequently Sandeep Arora and her husband started blackmailing her on the basis of the video, which was prepared by Sandeep Arora.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that it is in fact a case of some matrimonial discord wherein false allegations of rape have been levelled against one Sandeep Arora and in which the petitioner i.e. complainant's father-in-law has also been nominated as an accused on the ground that he was present when the alleged rape had taken place."

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that pursuant to the aforesaid order, the petitioner has joined investigation. This fact is not disputed by the counsel for the State as well.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Jagdeep Singh states that the petitioner is no longer required for further interrogation.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 14.01.2021, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

08.09.2021
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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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