

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

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CRM-M-10267-2019

Date of decision : 10.12.2021

Ramesh Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Himmat Singh Deol, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Anant Kataria, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Hemant Bassi, Advocate for the complainant.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.7 dated 08.01.2019, under Sections 384, 388, 34 IPC (Section 120-B IPC added later on), registered at Police Station City Tohana, District Fatehabad.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner and co-accused had tried to blackmail the complainant and others and had tried to get the criminal case preferred by co-accused under Section 376 IPC compromised. He, however, contends that Ashish had resiled from his promise of marrying co-accused.

Learned counsel for the complainant contends that there are serious allegations against the petitioner and co-accused having blackmailed the complainant. Co-accused had lodged a false case under Section 376 IPC with the intention to extort money from the complainant and his family members.

A Coordinate Bench of this Court, by order dated 14.05.2019 had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from Risal Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 14.05.2019 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

December 10, 2021

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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No