

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

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CRM-M-17776-2021 (O&M)

Decided on : 28.04.2021

PANKAJ SINGH

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

(Through Video Conferencing)

Present: Mr. Abhinay Goel, Advocate
for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Section 438 of the Cr.P.C. is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.24 dated 12.01.2021 lodged under Sections 3, 4, 5 of Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, Registered at Police Station-Zirakpur, District SAS Nagar (Mohali).

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the case in hand which is evident from the fact that no women were apprehended when the police raided his hotel. He submits that the only two women who were apprehended were his wife and a receptionist working in his hotel.

Per contra, learned State counsel while opposing his prayer and submissions, on instructions from Inspector Onkar Singh, has apprised this Court that a secret information was received by the Police that the petitioner was indulging in immoral trafficking. Thereafter, when his hotel was raided, he managed to flee. On search of the hotel, 14 persons were arrested including two girls who were Uzbekistan nationals. He submits that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required to bring to the surface

the entire gang with whom the petitioner may have nexus in the trade of immoral trafficking.

In view of the aforesaid, instant petition stands dismissed.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

April 28, 2021

S.Sharma(syr)

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*

Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*