

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-34636-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 27.09.2021

ARASHDEEP SINGH KALER

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Vishal Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 149 dated 15.07.2021, under Sections 384, 419, 506 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Samrala, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged by the complainant that a journalist was asking for a sum of ₹2,00,000/- for not making a video recording of the complainant public. The petitioner was only a cameraman of the journalist and does not have criminal antecedents.

This Court, by the order dated 25.08.2021, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the 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 ASI Lakhwinder Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation.

In view of the above and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 25.08.2021 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

27.09.2021

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Whether reportable	:	Yes / No