

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

(101)

CRM-M-2238-2020

Date of Decision: 14.2.2022

Ravi Inder Pal Watts

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana & others

--Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ.

Present:- None for the petitioner.

Mr. B.S. Virk, D.A.G., Haryana.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ.J (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C for grant of blanket anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the event of his arrest/detention/remand in a criminal case of which FIR number/date/year are not being disclosed at Police Station, City/Kotwali, Yamuna Nagar, Women Cell Yamuna Nagar at the behest of respondents no.2 and 3.

The present petition is pending since long before this Court. A perusal of the orders would reveal that this petition came up for hearing on 20.1.2020, thereafter on 3.2.2020 the petitioner was not represented by any counsel. On 27.7.2021 and 12.1.2022 again the petitioner was not represented by any counsel. Under such circumstances, this Court has taken up the case for final disposal on merits.

The precise prayer of the petitioner is for grant of blanket anticipatory bail on the apprehension that there can be any FIR lodged against him at the instance of respondents. He approached learned Addl. Sessions Judge, Yamuna Nagar at Jagadhari for the same relief. Learned Addl. Sessions Judge, Yamuna Nagar issued notice in the same and called the reply from the State. It was verified that only a complaint was filed

against the petitioner by respondent no.3 Smt. Neelam Bansal and the petitioner was called telephonically at the police station. However, the petitioner instead of going to the police station filed the present petition before this Court.

Admittedly, there is no FIR against the petitioner. As held by Hon'ble Supreme Court in case of *Gurbaksh Singh Sibbia & others Vs. State of Punjab, AIR 1980 SC 1632* no blanket bail can be granted on the mere apprehension of arrest. The petition is pending since long before this Court and on maximum occasions the petitioner was not represented by any counsel. The pendency of this petition shows that the apprehension projected by the petitioner is without any basis.

In the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court finds no justification in granting a blanket bail to the petitioner.

Petition being devoid of any merit is dismissed.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

14.2.2022

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