

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

CRM-M-11185-2022

Date of decision : 19.05.2022

Gurpreet Mehmi

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Rishab Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rakeshinder Singh Sidhu, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Bhawesh Chaudhary, Advocate
for the complainant.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.115 dated 22.09.2021, under Sections 354-D, 195-A, 506 of IPC, registered at Police Station Bhogpur, District Jalandhar (Rural).

Vide order dated 16.03.2022, the State was directed to file status report. The same has been placed on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner though has reiterated his arguments that both the petitioner and the prosecutrix are the classmates and it is on account their relationship having gone wrong, the present FIR has been registered.

However, learned State counsel has opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner and has drawn the attention of this Court to the reply filed wherein it has been mentioned that earlier FIR No.59 dated 17.04.2021 was also registered against the petitioner by the

victim only. The same further reveals that the indecent messages were being sent to the complainant through sim card operating from abroad. It has been said that *prima facie* complicity of the petitioner is indicated in the FIR and for that, the custodial interrogation is required.

In view of the attending circumstances, this Court find no justification in granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner as his custody is required for a thorough and fair investigation. Finding no merits, the petition stands dismissed. Nothing said herein shall be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

19.05.2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No