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

CRM-M-14575 of 2022(O&M)

Date of Decision: 18.04.2022

Salim Ahmed

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

**Present:- Mr. Sylvester Stephen, Advocate
For the petitioner.**

Mr. M.S. Nagra, AAG Punjab

KARAMJIT SINGH, J.

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. by the petitioner seeking regular bail in FIR No. 77 dated 09.02.2022, registered under Sections 506, 370-A(2), 188, 120-B IPC and Sections 3, 4 and 5 of Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, Police Station Zirakpur, District SAS Nagar(Mohali).

Counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case. The petitioner was not involved in any immoral activity. He further contended that as per FIR the petitioner was merely working as assistant to receptionist Rachimuddin Chaudhury and is no more required by the police as investigation has already been concluded by the police. He further contended that co-accused Fuzail has already been granted the benefit of interim anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 22.03.2022(Annexure P-3) passed in CRM-M-11875 of

2022 while accused Rachimuddin Chaudhury has been enlarged on regular bail by virtue of order of even date passed in CRM-M-14536 of 2022.

Present petition is contested by State counsel who submitted that the petitioner used to assist the prime accused Rachimuddin Chaudhury in the immoral activities at the hotel.

I have considered the submissions made by the counsel for the parties.

Petitioner was arrested in the present case on 09.02.2022 and is presently lodged in judicial custody. On completion of investigation, the police has already presented the challan against the accused persons in the Court concerned, as has been pointed out by State counsel.

In these circumstances, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody for any longer period. Co-accused has already been granted the benefit of interim anticipatory bail as well as regular bail by this Court.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, without adverting to the merits of the case, the present petition is hereby allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

18.04.2022

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**(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE****Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No****Whether reportable : Yes/No**