

228 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-46643-2022

Date of Decision: 13.12.2022

KARANVEER SINGH

... PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB

.. RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Present : Mr. GPS Ghuman, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Iqbal Singh Mann, DAG, Punjab.

VIVEK PURI, J.(ORAL)

On 11.10.2022, the following order was passed:-

“Present petition is under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for seeking anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.37 dated 16.09.2021, registered under Sections 354-D/384/506/120-B IPC and Sections 66-E/67-A of Information and Technology Act, 2000 at Police Station Cyber Crime, SAS Nagar (Punjab).

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the complainant was in relationship with Vikramjit Singh, co-accused. As per the allegations, he refused to solemnize marriage with the complainant. The marriage of the complainant was solemnized with some other person on 21.04.2021. Subsequently, the complainant had met the petitioner who had allegedly shown some fake photographs in his mobile phone. The co-accused Vikramjit Singh had demanded a sum of Rs.2,00,000/- from the complainant. It has been further submitted that the main accused, Vikramjit Singh has died on 14.11.2021. Even, in the notice under Section 41A(1) Cr.P.C, it has been mentioned that Whats App number 8847300537 is in the name of the petitioner which is factually incorrect. The said mobile number is in the name of Vikramjit Singh, co-accused.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State. She has submitted that the primary allegations have been levelled against Vikramjit Singh, co-accused who has since died. The petitioner was a member of Whats App group in which indecent photographs were posted. However, it has not been disputed that no such photographs or video were posted by the petitioner in the said group.

Adjourned to 13.12.2022.

Meanwhile, it is directed that in the event of arrest, the petitioner be admitted on interim bail on furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer subject to the condition that he joins the investigation and comply with other conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in pursuance of interim directions issued by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from Inspector Deepak Kumar, has not disputed the aforesaid factual aspect and further submits that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required.

Keeping in view the entire circumstances, sufficient grounds are made out to extend the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, order dated 11.10.2022, vide which the petitioner has been granted interim bail, is made absolute.

Petition is allowed.

13.12.2022
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(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

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