

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

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CRM-M-46708-2019

Date of decision : 13.01.2022

Bhupinder Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr.Naresh Kumar Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. P.S.Walia, AAG, Punjab.

SUVIR SEHGAL J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

Instant petition has been filed under Section 438 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, seeking grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.98 dated 23.08.2019, registered under Sections 354-D, 506 of IPC, 1860, Annexure P-1, and for offences added vide J.D. No.23 dated 19.09.2019 under Sections 25/27 of Arms Act and Section 67 of IT Act, 2000, at Police Station Mehtiana, District Hoshiarpur.

FIR, Annexure P-1, has been registered on the statement of a father on the allegation that his son was receiving objectionable messages on his mobile, which were offensive to the modesty of his daughter. On inquiry, he came to know that Bhupinder Singh, present petitioner, had asked her to talk with co-accused, Charanpreet Singh, and threatened that in case she does not do so, then her objectionable pictures will be sent to her brothers. He has alleged that on an earlier occasion also, the accused had indulged in similar objectionable act and had tendered an apology in the police station.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that vide order dated 17.01.2020 the petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail and pursuant to that order he has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

State counsel has filed short reply by way of affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police-cum-Incharge, Sub Division Rural, Sub Division City, Hoshiarpur, on behalf the respondent-State, wherein it has been submitted that the investigation has concluded and the *challan* has been presented. Upon verbal instructions, he submits that the petitioner is no longer required for custodial interrogation and the main accused Charanpreet Singh was arrested and has been released on bail.

Keeping in view of the above, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 17.01.2020 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

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**(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE**

Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No