

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

101 CRM-M-29889-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 05.12.2023

Karaj Singh @ Roop and others ...Petitioners

Versus
State of Punjab ...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present: Mr. Veneet Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners.

FIR No.	Dated	Section/s	Police Station
67	14.04.2023	3, 4, 5 and 7 of Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956	Division-A, Amritsar City, District Police Commissionerate Amritsar

VIKAS SURI, J.

1. The petitioners have filed the present petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in the above-captioned case FIR.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners have been falsely implicated in the present case. In fact, they were not present at the spot at the time of alleged raid. Co-accused, namely Gurbhejsher Singh @ Yug, who was arrested at the spot has already been granted the concession of bail by the trial Court, vide order dated 21.04.2023. Nothing is to be recovered from the petitioners and they are ready to join investigation and cooperate with the investigating agency.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel has opposed the bail application by stating that petitioners are the main accused who indulged in business of immoral trafficking. Therefore, they are not entitled for the relief as prayed for.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and considered the rival contentions.

5. Concededly, as per record, petitioner No.1 is the owner of the hotel where the alleged raid was conducted and women indulging in immoral trafficking were arrested. Petitioner Nos.2 and 3 were also the helping partners in the said immoral act. Admittedly, co-accused Gurbhejsher Singh @ Yug was enlarged on bail by the trial Court itself as he was apprehended at the spot during the raid. The petitioners herein were booked on a secret information but could not be arrested. In order to ascertain the involvement of others and unearth the deep rooted nexus through which allurement is made to push girls into loathsome evil environment of debauchery and exploitation, which is a crime against society at large and therefore, the custodial interrogation of petitioners is essential, hence they are not entitled to the relief claimed herein.

6. In light of the above discussion, the instant petition is liable to be rejected and is dismissed as such.

December 05, 2023

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(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether Reportable : Yes / No