

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-31-2024

Date of decision: 04.01.2024

Manpreet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Balraj Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.95 dated 04.06.2021 under Section 379 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Civil Lines Bathinda, District Bathinda.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that a false and fabricated case has been planted upon the petitioner for allegedly committing theft of the activa scooter of the complainant. Learned counsel submits that even though the alleged theft took place on 20.05.2021, however, it was after a delay of 14 days, the petitioner was dragged into the instant case on the basis of some disclosure statement made in another FIR which had been registered against him on similar allegations. Learned counsel submits that it is, thus, evident that the petitioner is innocent and has no role to play in the crime in question.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Arun Luthra, DAG, Punjab,

accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

5. Learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the prayer and submissions made by the counsel opposite. He has submitted, on instructions from ASI Angrej Singh, that the petitioner is a man of criminal antecedents as he is involved in another FIR wherein also the petitioner had committed theft of a motorcycle and an activa.

6. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material on record.

7. In view of the allegations levelled against the petitioner coupled with his criminal antecedents, he does not deserve the extraordinary concession of anticipatory bail. Accordingly, the instant petition is hereby dismissed.

8. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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