



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-17761-2024
Date of Decision:27.05.2024

ABHINANDAN BHARTI

.....Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr.Piyush Aggarwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amandeep Singh, DAG, Punjab
assisted by ASI Surender Pal.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(ORAL)

On 10.04.2024, following order was passed:

“Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C in case FIR No.34 dated 23.03.2024 under Sections 384, 500, 506 of the IPC (Sections 386 & 387 of the IPC added later on) registered at Police Station Division No.7, Jalandhar, Punjab.

FIR was lodged on the complaint of Suruchi Kakkar, as per which a person by the name of Sandeep Wadhwa was blackmailing her by repeatedly calling her demanding the ransom amount and threatening her to make her pictures viral on the media without her permission, due to which her reputation is at stake.

Learned counsel contends that FIR was lodged on 23.03.2024, wherein there is no mention either of the petitioner or of the channel ‘Golmal News’ being run by him. It is only after 03 days i.e. on 26.03.2024 that DDR No.21 dated 26.03.2024 was got recorded by the complainant wherein she alleged that Sandeep Wadhwa was committing the offence in collusion with the petitioner Abhinandan Bharti by posting the material on the ‘Golmal News’.

Learned counsel further contends that petitioner is ready to join the investigation; that he has nothing to do with the offence in



question.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent- State.

Adjourned to 27.05.2024 for filing status report.

In the meantime, in case of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. However, it is directed that the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when so required by the Investigating Officer. He shall not contact any person associated with the case to dissuade him from the investigation in any manner whatsoever and nor shall leave the country without prior permission of the Court. He shall further comply with the conditions stipulated in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Today learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Surenderpal submits that petitioner has since joined the investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

Having regard to the aforesaid facts and circumstances, but without commenting anything further on the merits of the case order dated 10.04.2024 is hereby made absolute, whereby petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail.

However, the petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when called upon to do so by the Investigating Agency and shall abide by the conditions of Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

Disposed of.

(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

27.05.2024

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Whether Speaking/reasoned Yes/No
Whether Reportable Yes/No