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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-19560-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 22.04.2024

Deepak Sharma
... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana
... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Mohan Singh Rana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. This petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.150 dated 03.04.2024 (Annexure P-1) under Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 of Immoral Trafficking (Prevention) Act, 1956, registered at Police Station Civil Lines Kaithal, District Kaithal.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and he has been dragged into the present case only on the basis of disclosure statement suffered by co-accused, which has no value in the eyes of law. It is further contended that the petitioner has taken the hotel on rent and he has no involvement in its day to day working. For running the hotel, the petitioner has engaged certain

persons and he is having clean antecedents.

3. Per contra, learned State counsel appears on advance notice and opposes the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner on the ground that the petitioner is the main accused and apart from disclosure statement, it has been found that he has taken the said hotel from its owner on rent, in which illegal activities are being carried out. The police party sent a decoy customer and a raid was conducted and marked currency was recovered from the Receptionist and two girls were found present there. The fact that hotel in question was rented to the petitioner, is not disputed by him.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and after perusing the record of the case with their able assistance, this Court finds no merit in the arguments advanced by learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required.

6. Accordingly, present petition is dismissed.

[HARPREET SINGH BRAR]
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No