

Sr. No.236

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

CRM-M-43235-2023
Date of decision: 06th March, 2024

JAIN CHAND**Petitioner**

versus

STATE OF HARYANA**Respondent**

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN

Present: Ms. Manpreet Ghuman, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirpal Singh Thakur, AAG, Haryana.

Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, Advocate
for the complainant.

HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.154 dated 25.04.2023, under Sections 341, 354, 354-A, 354-C, 376 IPC and Sections 66-E, 67, 67-A of IT Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Pehowa, District Kurukshetra (Annexure P-1).
2. The allegations against the petitioner are that on 25.04.2023, the petitioner stopped the prosecutrix on her way, held her hand and blackmailed her by showing some of her photographs which were lying with the petitioner as the prosecutrix was in a relationship with him for the past about 02 years.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. The statement of the prosecutrix, who is 20 years of age, has already been recorded (Annexure A-1) but she has not supported the prosecution case. Even the statements of mother of the prosecutrix along with

other material witnesses have been recorded but no one has supported the prosecution case.

4. Learned State counsel has opposed the bail on the ground of gravity of allegations levelled against the petitioner.

4.1 Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Mukesh, has informed that final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has already been presented before the trial Court and out of total 19 witnesses, 12 have already been examined.

5. I have considered the aforesaid contentions.

6. Investigation is complete. Final report under Section 173 of the Code of Criminal Procedure has been presented before the trial Court. There is no apprehension of tampering with the evidence. Out of total 19 witnesses, 12 have been examined. Conclusion of trial is likely to take some time, as such, without commenting on the merits of the case and keeping in view the above facts, the present petition is allowed.

7. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing adequate bonds/surety to the satisfaction of the trial Court/CJM, concerned.

8. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand disposed of.

(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE

06th March, 2024

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>