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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-9189-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 18.02.2025

Kajal @ Sita Rani

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

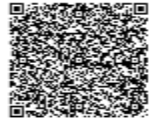
CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Ms. Riffi Birla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.176 dated 29.11.2024 under Sections 308(2), 351(1)(3), 127(7), 61(2), 231 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 [*erstwhile Sections 384, 503, 506, 347, 120-B, 196 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short 'IPC')*], registered at Police Station City Fazilka, District Fazilka.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that as per

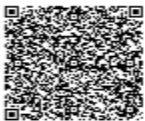


the case set up by the prosecution, main accused is Kajal, whereas name of the petitioner is Sita Rani. The complainant is around 62 years old and the petitioner is only 20 years of age and at the best, an attempt was made to extort money. In fact, no extortion has taken place. Till date, the investigating agency has not added the offence of snatching. It is further contended that all other accused have already been granted the concession of bail by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Fazilka. The petitioner is having clean antecedents and she is not involved in any other case.

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, who induced the complainant to come to a secluded place and thereafter, he was taken to a private residence and his clothes were removed and the petitioner also removed her clothes and an offending video was prepared and in order to extort money, one person wearing the police uniform came there and he demanded Rs.10.00 lakhs from the complainant, otherwise, his video would be circulated and he would be framed in a case under Section 376 of IPC. As such, in view of seriousness of the crime, the petitioner is not entitled to any relief.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record of the case with their able assistance.

5. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and



gravity of the offence committed by the petitioner, without commenting further on merits of the case, lest it may prejudice the rights of either of the parties, this Court finds no ground to grant the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, present petition is dismissed.

[HARPREET SINGH BRAR]
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No