IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M No. 6183 of 2023
Date of Decision : 10.2.2023

Mandeep Singh   ..... *Petitioner*

versus

State of Punjab   ..... *Respondent*

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. Harish Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner

                   Mr. Kunal Vinayak, AAG, Punjab

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA J. (ORAL):

This is a petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.173 dated 29.8.2022 under Sections 354-D, 420, 465, 468, 471, 500, 506 IPC and Section 67 of the Information Technology Act, 2000, registered at Police Station Sadar, Kharar, District SAS Nagar.

As per allegations in the FIR, recorded on the statement of victim's father, some unknown person was making photographs of his daughter viral on whats-app and face-book after editing. His daughter's marriage was fixed next month and the said person had given threats to his daughter's in-laws also.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has not been named in the FIR; he was implicated only on the basis of a mobile number mentioned therein. Even his identity has not been disclosed. He further submits that now the parties have entered into a compromise, which is placed on record as Annexure P-1, wherein it has been agreed by the complainant that the said mobile number, that led to the petitioner's arrest, was given to the police wrongly.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from HC Manpreet Singh, opposes the grant of bail by stating that trial of the case is yet to commence, though challan has been filed. In all, eight witnesses are to be examined.

Since investigation of the case is already over and conclusion of the trial will take a long time, no useful purpose will be served by confining the petitioner to custody during trial. Accordingly, the petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

10.2.2023
Ashwani

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