

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-10637-2015 (O & M)
Date of decision:21.08.2015

Ramesh Kumar @ Pappa

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. Salil Bali, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Shilesh Gupta, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. B.S. Bhalla, Advocate, for the complainant.

Mr. A.V.S. Barat, Advocate,
for the complainant-Gurmail Singh.

Mr. B.S. Sidhu, Advocate,
for Mr. G.S. Saini, Advocate,
for the complainants-Bakhtawar Singh, Gurdeep Singh and
Pargat Singh.

Rajan Gupta, J. (oral)

This is a petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking pre-arrest bail to petitioner in a case registered against him vide FIR No.17 dated 31.01.2015 under Sections 420/409 and 120-B IPC at Police Station Ghall Khurd, District Ferozepur.

In this case, FIR was lodged by about 85 farmers of district Sangrur. They alleged that they had given an amount of ₹10 Crores to the petitioner who was to sell their agriculture produce as a commission agent. The petitioner issued various cheques to the farmers, most of which bounced. At the same time, he filed a civil suit to declare him insolvent. Though petitioner claims that he has made repayment of amount to some of the agriculturists, learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Jora Singh, submits that statements of 28 farmers have been recorded. According to same, petitioner

owes them more than ₹1 Crore.

Keeping in view nature of allegations, I am of the considered view that petitioner is not entitled to concession of pre-arrest bail.

Dismissed.

21.08.2015
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(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE