

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH.**

CRM-M No.14967 of 2015

Date of Decision:-18.09.2015

Ashok Kumar.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab.

.....Respondent.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present:- Mr. A.A. Pathak, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

JASWANT SINGH, J (ORAL)

Prayer is for grant of anticipatory bail under Section 438 Cr.PC to the petitioner-Ashok Kumar in case FIR No.08 dated 16.04.2015 for offences punishable under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 of Indian Penal Code and Sections 13(1)(E) and 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 registered with Police Station Vigilance Bureau, Patiala.

As per allegations levelled by the brother of the petitioner, the petitioner had been securing Class-A Contract while working as Junior Engineer with the PWD Department in the name of the complainant and also operated account by forging his signatures while managing to continue to be posted as JE at the same place at Patiala for 12 years.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that false allegations have been levelled by his brother as more than 10 inquiries have

been conducted by the Vigilance Bureau wherein nothing against the petitioner has been found. He states that he has further joined investigation in the present FIR and submitted all the documents.

Learned State counsel on instructions from DSP Pritipal Singh submits that although some documents have been tendered, however, his custodial interrogation is required to complete the chain of investigation.

After hearing learned Counsel for the parties and without commenting on the merits of the case, at this stage this Court is of the opinion that keeping in view the gravity of the charges, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required.

In view of the above, the present petition is hereby dismissed.

(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

September 18, 2015
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