

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Misc. No. M-15495 of 2015
Date of decision : 25.05.2015

Inspector Gurcharan Singh

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANITA CHAUDHRY

**Present: Mr. Paras Talwar, Advocate
for the petitioner**

Mr. V.P.S. Sidhu, AAG Punjab

ANITA CHAUDHRY, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No. 62 dated 07.03.2015 registered at Police Station Tripuri Town, Patiala, District Patiala under Sections 7/13(1)(d)/8/9/12 of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

An FIR in the present case was registered by DSP City-2, Patiala. The allegations are that several persons were arrested by different police authorities. They were accused of possessing intoxicating substances. The allegations are that Bikramjit Singh was let off the hook as Kirpal Singh had settled his release for a sum of ₹ 7 lacs which was to be paid to Inspector Gurcharan Singh. The amount was arranged by Bikramjit Singh which was handed over to Kirpal Singh. Gurcharan Singh asked him to keep the amount with him. That amount subsequently was recovered from Kirpal Singh by the police. The matter was investigated and the challan has been filed.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the

investigation is over and the petitioner has been dismissed from service and the trial is taking time. He further contends that no recovery was effected from the petitioner and the petitioner is in custody for almost 2 months.

The bail application is opposed by the State counsel and he contends that instead of lodging the FIR or taking action against Bikramjit Singh, he was released after a bargain and Bikramjit Singh was evading his arrest and evidence is yet to start.

The trial Court had dismissed the application noticing that the petitioner would influence the witnesses and the investigation. That application was moved at the early stages. Evidence is yet to start, the allegations are serious, looking at his position, he can tamper with evidence. The case is at the early stages of trial.

No case for grant of regular bail is made out. The petition is dismissed.

May 25, 2015

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**(ANITA CHAUDHRY)
JUDGE**