

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRL. MISC. No.M-24320 OF 2015
DATE OF DECISION : 3rd AUGUST, 2015

Bharat Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURINDER GUPTA

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Present : Mr. Rajeev Kawatra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amritpal Singh Gill, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

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SURINDER GUPTA, J. (ORAL)

1. This petition has been filed by the petitioner seeking regular bail in case bearing FIR No.65 dated 18.04.2015 registered for offence punishable under Section 406 IPC, at Police Station Canal Colony, District Bathinda.

2. Notice of motion.

3. On asking of the court, Mr. Amritpal Singh Gill, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in the Court accepts notice and submits that intimation by Registry informing of fixation of the case has already been received and record of the case is available with him.

4. The FIR in this case relates to shortage of rice to the tune of 12480.27 quintals. The petitioner, who earlier retired from Rajasthan State Warehousing Corporation, was posted as General Manager (Operation),

ORIGO. The allegation against him is of lack of supervision and also passing the substandard rice after taking illegal gratification.

5. The petitioner was arrested on 21.06.2015. Ten employees of Origo are named in the FIR, out of which only the petitioner has been arrested so far. The matter is still under investigation.

6. In view of the above facts, but without expressing any opinion on merits of the case this petition is allowed. Petitioner-Bharat Singh is ordered to be released on regular bail on furnishing bail bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, Bathinda, subject to following terms:-

- (i) The petitioner shall comply with the conditions mentioned in Section 437(3) Cr.P.C.
- (ii) In the event of his absence on any date of hearing, the benefit of bail allowed to the petitioner shall stand withdrawn. The trial Court shall be competent to cancel his bail bond and surety bond and proceed to procure his presence in accordance with law. In that eventuality the petitioner shall have to apply for bail afresh before the trial Court.
- (iii) He shall not leave the country without previous permission of the Court.

3rd August, 2015
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(SURINDER GUPTA)
JUDGE