

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-26337 of 2015.

Decided on:-08.09.2015.

Gurpreet Singh.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab.

.....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA.

1. Whether reporters of local newspapers may be allowed to see judgment?
2. To be referred to reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

Present:- Dr. Anmol Rattan Sidhu, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Pratham Sethi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurinderjit Singh, DAG, Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA, J.

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.13 dated 24.7.2015 under Sections 7, 12, 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, District Bathinda.

Learned senior counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner has falsely been involved in the present case as the mobile phone number on which conversation took place does not belong to him. He has

further submitted that the other co-accused, namely, Atma Singh has already been granted regular bail by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Mansa.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the State has argued that the co-accused Atma Singh has acted at the behest of the petitioner, who was in the dominating position being working as Assistant Treasury Officer. He has further submitted that in order to clear the bill amount of Rs.7 lacs, a deal for Rs.70,000/- was finalised and accordingly, the complainant had made a payment of Rs.20,000/- as advance. It is in order to secure the balance of Rs.50,000/-, the petitioner deputed Atma Singh. He has further submitted that Atma Singh has used the motorcycle which was owned by the petitioner and in this manner, co-accused Atma Singh acted on behalf of the petitioner.

Heard.

The allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature. Though co-accused Atma Singh has been admitted on regular bail by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Mansa but the petitioner cannot derive any benefit on that account. Said Atma Singh has acted as a messenger of the petitioner.

In view of the above, I find no merit in the present application for anticipatory bail and the same is, accordingly, dismissed.

September 08, 2015
'Yag Dutt'

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE