

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

C.R.M-M No.28540 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of decision : 21.09.2015

Tejinder Kumar Dhawan

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. Kanwaljit Singh, Sr. Advocate
with Mr. S.K Liberhan, Advocate
for the petitioner.
Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, Addl. A.G Punjab
Mr. Bhoop Singh, Advocate
for the complainant.

Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?

2. To be referred to the Reporters or not?

3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No.183,
dated 20.07.2015, registered under Sections 420, 465, 467, 471, 120-B of
the IPC, at Police Station Division No.5, Ludhiana.

Allegations against the petitioner are that he had given cheques
to the amount of Rs.21,55,000/- to the complainant and except for one
cheque of Rs.2,00,000/-, the rest had been dishonoured. Thereafter, in order
to avoid his liability under these dishonoured cheques and to fasten further
liability on the complainant, he presented certain cheques on which

signatures of the complainant had been forged in connivance with Labh Singh.

Learned counsel has argued that the petitioner is in custody for 2 months and challan has been presented and the co-accused Labh Singh, Bank Manager has been found innocent by the police.

Learned Addl. AG Punjab, on instructions from ASI Rajinder Kumar, has accepted this factual assertion. However, counsel for the complainant has argued that it is not only the petitioner who is guilty but the banking system is under cloud because the FSL has found that signatures of the complainant on those cheques were forged.

Be that as it may, keeping in view the period of custody already suffered by the petitioner and the fact that the challan has been presented and without commenting upon the merits of the case, I do not deem it appropriate to deny the concession of regular bail to the petitioner. Bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

Petition stands disposed of.

September 21, 2015

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**(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE**