

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

(211)

CRM-M-30734-2015

Decided on: October 12, 2015.

Anil Kumar Lokhotra

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI

Present: Mr. G.S. Verma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Gazi Mohammad, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Liaqat Ali, Advocate, for the complainant.

M.M.S. BEDI, J (ORAL)

Petitioner seeks concession of pre-arrest bail in a case registered on the statement of Rajiv Kumar partner of firm M/s Jodha Ram Tarlok Chand, Kesar Ganj, Ludhiana alleging that he, in connivance with his co-accused Satpal Manocha, Accountant, while working in the aforesaid firm, misappropriated the amount collected by them from different parties after interpolation of the amount and cutting the entries.

It has been informed that the petitioner has joined investigation.

Learned counsel for the complainant has intervened to oppose application for pre-arrest bail contending that the petitioner had admitted his liability and promised to return a sum of Rs. 10 lacs on 28.08.2014 and

another sum of Rs. 8 lacs by 30.08.2014 and he having not complied with the said commitment, is not entitled for concession of pre-arrest bail.

I have considered the facts and circumstances of the case.

Without expression of any opinion regarding the extent of liability of the petitioner, it is sufficient to observe that the petitioner, as an employee of the complainant, has misappropriated huge amount by changing the figures of the amount received. He has deposited part of the amount. His culpability is apparent from the records and accounts of firm M/s Jodha Ram Tarlok Chand, Kesar Ganj, Ludhiana.

No extra-ordinary exceptional circumstance is found to exist to grant the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.

Petition is dismissed without prejudice to the right of the petitioner to seek concession of regular bail by surrendering before the Illaqa Magistrate or the investigating officer.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

October 12, 2015
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