

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA

AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc. No. M-34296 of 2015

Date of Decision: 11.12.2015

Rajinder Kumar Lineman,

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

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:- Mr. K.S. Dadwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sultan Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.18 dated 16.9.2015 under Sections 7, 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner, who is working as a Lineman, is in custody since 16.9.2015 and is on the verge of retirement and there was some

dispute regarding lab test of burnt meter due to which allegations of bribe have been levelled against him.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Pal Singh, submits that the petitioner was caught red handedly while accepting bribe of Rs.15,000/- and challan has also been presented in the case.

Heard.

Taking into consideration the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 16.9.2015 and the challan has been presented only on 13.11.2015 and thus, the trial will take sufficiently long time, petitioner is admitted to regular bail subject on his furnishing of bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

The petition is disposed of.

However, it is made clear that the observations made here-in-above shall not be construed as any expression on the merits of the case and the trial Court shall decide the case on the basis of evidence as available on record.

December 11, 2015
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE