

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No. 37430 of 2015 (O&M)
Date of decision : December 03, 2015

Deepak Jain @ Bobby Jain,

..... Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. Vikram Chaudhary, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Sandeep Jain, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, Addl. AG Punjab

1. **Whether Reporters of Local Newspapers 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 anticipatory bail in case FIR No.226, dated 3.10.2015, registered under Sections 8, 9, 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, at Police Station City Jagraon, District Ludhiana.

As per the allegations, the police received a secret information that the petitioner had taken illegal gratification of ₹ 1 lac from some persons who were accused in another criminal case that he would use his influence as a journalist and get them exculpated.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that this is a strange case

where the alleged victim has not made any complaint but he has been made a co-accused and in these circumstances the petitioner should not be denied the concession of anticipatory bail.

Learned Addl. AG Punjab, on instructions from ASI Sukhchain Singh, is not in a position to refute that the persons who were the alleged victims have been implicated along with the petitioner as co-accused.

Keeping in view the entire facts and circumstances of the case and without commenting upon the merits of the case, I do not deem it appropriate to deny the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Resultantly, this petition is allowed and it is directed that in the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on anticipatory bail by the Investigating Officer to his satisfaction subject to the compliance of the provisions as contained in Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C.

December 03, 2015
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE