

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc. No. M-38273 of 2015
Date of Decision: 08.12.2015

Rajeev Kumar @ Rohit

...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. Vivek Slathia, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurinderjit Singh, 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.50 dated 27.3.2015 under Sections 420/409/467/468/471/120-B IPC and Section 411 IPC (added later on) registered at Police Station Gate Hakima, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the wheat in question was allotted to his co-accused Harpreet Singh, Inspector, Food & Civil Supplies, who was allotted 24660 bags of wheat and on verification, it was found that 18870 bags were

missing. During the course of investigation, the allotted stock of 24660 bags has been recovered, but the petitioner is in custody since 2.6.2015.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Lakhwinder Singh, does not dispute the fact that recovery of bags has been effected, however, he submits that the allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature.

Heard.

Considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 2.6.2015 and the recovery of whole 24660 bags of wheat has already been effected, coupled with the fact that the offences are triable by a Magistrate and 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.

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 08, 2015
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE