

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

**Criminal Misc. No. M-42590 of 2015
Date of Decision:-24.12.2015**

Nachhatter Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

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. Ankur Mittal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurinderjit Singh, Deputy A.G., Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.40 dated 13.4.2007, under Sections 420, 409, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Machhiwara, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has relied upon CRM-M No.42013 of 2015 titled 'Gurnam Singh vs. State of Punjab' decided by this Court on 18.12.2015 and CRM-M No.40093 of 2015 titled 'Dharam Singh vs. State of Punjab', decided by this Court on 17.12.2015, wherein in the similar circumstances, the co-accused have been admitted on

regular bail by this Court.

Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate of the petitioner. Same is taken on record. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Nachhattar Singh does not dispute the aforesaid fact and the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 23.9.2015 as well as the fact that his co-accused Gurnam Singh and Dharam Singh have already been granted regular bail by this Court.

Considering the fact that co-accused of the petitioner on the similar circumstances have already been granted regular bail, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Ludhiana.

It is made clear that the observations made herein above shall not construed any expression on the merits of the case and the trial Court shall decide the case on the basis of available evidence on record.

December 24, 2015
Vijay Asija

(*HARI PAL VERMA*)
JUDGE