

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Misc. No. M-6573 of 2015 (O&M) (209)

Date of Decision : 14.05.2015

Jagtar Singh Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NAVITA SINGH

Present: Mr. Veneet Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. K.S. Pannu, DAG, Punjab.

Navita Singh, J. (Oral)

This petition has been moved by Jagtar Singh under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking regular bail in case FIR No.207 dated 28.8.2014 registered under Sections 420/466/467/468/471/120-B IPC at Police Station Beas, Amritsar.

Petitioner is in custody since 28.8.2014. The offence is triable by Magistrate but it is submitted by counsel for the State that there are serious allegations against the petitioner. Accused Chanan Singh was the clerk of a counsel in the lower Court and he took the original agreement from the file, the thumb impression of Jagtar Singh accused was imposed and document was put back in the file.

Counsel for the petitioner, however, submits that in view of provision of Section 195 IPC and 340 Cr.P.C, the FIR itself is not maintainable.

Charge-sheet has been filed in the Court but charges have not yet been drawn up. Trial is likely to take long time to conclude. Though the offence is serious in nature yet it is felt that prolonging the custody of

the petitioner will not be of any avail. The petition is allowed. Bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

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(NAVITA SINGH)
JUDGE