

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM No. M-6591 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 06.04.2015

Darshan Singh

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

--Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. S.S. Ranghi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Nikhil K. Chopra, D.A.G., Punjab.

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This order shall dispose of the instant petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C praying for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case F.I.R. No.14 dated 11.11.2013 under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 201, 218, 120-B I.P.C read with sections 7, 13(1) (d), 13(2), 8, 12 of Prevention of Corruption Act, registered at Police Station, Vigilance Bureau FS-I, District Mohali.

The present petitioner was stated to be serving as a Peon in the Forensic Science Laboratory at Kharar. As per F.I.R the main accused is Dr. Rajwinder Pal Singh, Assistant Chemical Examiner of the Laboratory and the allegations are that such main accused in connivance with others had prepared false reports for samples sent for analysis and with a view to help the accused. The present petitioner was not named in the initial F.I.R but thereafter during the course of investigation, has been roped in on the accusation that there was a network headed by Dr. Rajwinder Pal Singh as also other subordinate officials working in the Laboratory including the present petitioner.

The petitioner has been in custody since 5.12.2013.

It has gone undisputed that main accused Dr. Rajwinder Pal Singh as also other co-accused namely Manjit Singh, Rakesh Kumar, Jagdeep Singh, Lekh Raj, Charanjit Singh, Ashwani Kumar and Gurjant Singh have been granted the benefit of bail by this Court vide composite order dated 20.2.2015, passed in CRM No. M-1314 of 2015 and other connected petitions.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from Inspector Sat Pal Singh has apprised the Court that the prosecution has cited as many as 109 prosecution witnesses and out of which 14 have been examined till date. The trial, as such, shall take time to conclude.

Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed.

Petitioner be admitted to bail subject to satisfaction of Trial Court.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

April 06, 2015
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