

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

CRM-M No.9408 of 2015

Decided on: 06.04.2015

Gopal Krishan . . . Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab . . . Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present: Mr. A.P.S. Deol, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Arshdeep S. Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Varun Sharma, A.A.G., Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J. (Oral)

Petitioner seeks grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case bearing FIR No.24 dated 13.03.2015 registered under Sections 420, 406 IPC (Section 120-B IPC and 7/13/(3) P.C. Act deleted) at Police Station Barnala, District Barnala.

The allegations in terms of Section 7/13 (3) of Prevention of Corruption Act have been alleged against the officials of Markfed. Petitioner is a rice miller and is in custody since 20.11.2014.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that controversy is essentially a civil dispute which has its roots in

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arbitration proceedings for which the clause has already been invoked. The matter was duly referred to Arbitrator who has already given his award. After due objections and decision thereof, appeal is pending before District Judge, Chandigarh. Learned counsel states that the matter is purely of civil liability.

On the other hand, learned State Counsel states that after filing of challan charge has been framed and the case is fixed for prosecution evidence.

Without commenting upon merits of the case at this stage, keeping in view the custody of petitioner w.e.f. 20.11.2014, the petitioner is ordered to be enlarged on bail on his furnishing heavy adequate bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Barnala.

Nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of any opinion on merits of the case.

[Raj Mohan Singh]
Judge

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