

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

***CRM No.M-10418 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of decision : 11.05.2016.***

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... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana

... Respondent

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

Present: Mr. Onkar Rai, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Deepak Grewal, DAG, Haryana.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.

Petitioner seeks benefit of regular bail pending trial in case FIR No.275 dated 16.05.2015, under Section 136 of the Electricity Act, 2003, registered at Police Station Sadar Palwal, District Palwal.

FIR has been registered on the complaint of SDO, Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited, Palwal (for short 'DHBVNL') with regard to allegations of theft of coils of transformers and thereby causing loss of Rs.45,068/- to the Nigam.

Name of the petitioner does not figure in the FIR. He has been implicated and arrested on the basis of disclosure statement of one Gurcharan Singh.

Petitioner has been in custody in the present case since 10.10.2015.

Investigation in the case is complete and the challan stands presented. Even charges thereafter have been framed.

Prayer made in the present case was opposed by learned State counsel on the ground that there are a total 11 other cases against the petitioner on identical allegations.

Suffice it to note that in each of these cases, petitioner is sought to be implicated on the basis of disclosure statement of the same very person i.e. Gurcharan Singh s/o Pala Singh.

Without making any observations on merits, petitioner is held entitled to the benefit of bail.

Such view is being taken keeping in mind the length of incarceration already suffered as also the circumstance that the petitioner if granted benefit of bail would not be in a position to hamper the course of free and fair trial.

Petition is allowed. Petitioner be enlarged on bail subject to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, Palwal.

Disposed of.

11.05.2016

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**