

**Sr. No.102
IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM No.M-11307 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 27.04.2016

R.S.Lakhotia

... Petitioner

Versus

Central Bureau of Investigation Economic Offences Unit-VI, New
Delhi

... Respondent

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

Present:- Mr. Terminder Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL)

Heard.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sumeet Goel, Advocate who is present in Court accepts notice on behalf of the CBI and has filed in Court today itself a short reply. The same is taken on record. A copy has been furnished to learned counsel for the petitioner.

Reliance has been placed upon an order dated 21.03.2016 passed by a coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM No. M-6513 of 2016 to contend that co-accused M.C.Sumani and against whom there were similar allegations has been granted concession of pre-arrest bail.

Learned counsel appearing for CBI has not been able to rebut such factual assertions. Rather counsel for the CBI states that

investigation in the matter having been completed, even challan stands presented.

Under such circumstances, custodial interrogation of the petitioner would not be warranted.

Prayer made in the petition is, accordingly, accepted. The petitioner shall furnish bail bonds/surety bonds before the trial Court so as to ensure his continuous presence during trial. He shall also comply with the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, which are as under:-

- (i) that the petitioner shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the court or to any police officer;*
- (ii) that the petitioner shall not leave India without the prior permission of the Court.”*

Disposed of.

27.04.2016

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**