

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM No. M-13199 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 19.04.2016

Inderpal Singh

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

--Respondent

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

Present:- Mr. Tejinder Pal Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C praying for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case F.I.R. No.17 dated 11.2.2016 under section 409 I.P.C, registered at Police Station, Samana, District Patiala.

Counsel for the petitioner has been heard at length.

F.I.R in question was lodged on the complaint of Senior District Manager, Punjab Agro Food Grains Corporation Ltd. Allegations in a nutshell against the petitioner are with regard to pilferage/shortage of 663 bags of wheat while discharging duties of being Plinth Incharge.

The monetary value of such shortage works out to be approximately Rs.5 lacs.

During the course of arguments and on a pointed query having been put, it has been conceded by the counsel that the petitioner while working as a contractual employee had taken over charge from one Sukhwant Singh, who was Plinth Incharge of stocks at Samana, Patran and Ghagga. It has also been conceded that the present petitioner had furnished reports as regards stocks for the months of April, 2015 and May, 2015 and in which no shortage had been reflected. It is subsequently on 22.6.2015

upon physical verification having been conducted by the concerned authorities that the shortage of 663 bags of wheat has been detected.

The allegations against the petitioner are direct and in relation to a point of time when he was the Plinth Incharge of the stocks in question.

It is a case where a thorough and deep probe would be required and which may warrant even custodial interrogation of the petitioner.

Under such circumstances, this Court is not inclined to extend to the petitioner the concession of pre-arrest bail.

Petition, accordingly, is dismissed.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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