

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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**CRM-M-13827-2016 (O&M).
Decided on: April 27, 2016.**

Lakha Singh @ Lakhwinder Singh

.. Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.. Respondent(s)

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE M.M.S.BEDI

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**PRESENT Mr.Brijesh Nandan, Advocate,
for the petitioner.**

Ms.H.K.Athwal, DAG. Punjab.

M.M.S. BEDI, J. (ORAL)

State counsel, on the instructions of HC Jaspal Singh, informs that the petitioner has joined investigation.

After hearing the counsel for the petitioner as well as the State counsel, it appears that the complainant has got a grievance against Shamsher Singh who is alleged to have taken a sum of Rs.75,000/- from the complainant on the pretext of getting a job for his son as a clerk in a Government Department.

In view of petitioner having joined investigation, he can be granted the concession of pre-arrest bail.

State counsel has also informed that the petitioner has been declared a proclaimed offender vide order dated 22.3.2016. The said order has been challenged by the petitioner in CRM-M-13827 of 2016.

In view of said circumstances, said case has been taken up simultaneously along with this petition. Operation of the order declaring the petitioner a proclaimed offender was stayed. It is apparent that the petitioner pursuant to the interim orders has already joined the investigation in this case on 5.3.2016, as such, the order declaring him a proclaimed offender is rendered infructuous.

Petition is allowed. It is ordered that in case of arrest of the petitioner, he shall be released on bail to the satisfaction of the arresting officer subject to the conditions that the petitioner will join investigation as and when required and will not tamper with the evidence, in any manner.

**(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE**

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