

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

CRM No.M-14216 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 06.05.2016

Avtar Singh @ Tara Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

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

Present:- Mr. Vivek Goel, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Manpreet Dhaliwal, AAG, Punjab.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.

Petitioner seeks benefit of regular bail pending trial in case FIR No.64 dated 11.05.2014, under Sections 420/406/34 IPC (Section 407/120-B/379/328/34/395 IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Gate Hakima, District Amritsar City.

Allegations leading to the registration of the FIR were that the truck loaded with basmati rice bags has been stolen.

The present petitioner was sought to be implicated on the basis of statement of co-accused and was arrested on 01.08.2015.

It has gone uncontroverted that recovery of a vehicle as also of 25 bags of basmati rice was effected from co-accused, Amarjit Singh.

Investigation in the case is complete and challan stands completed.

Learned State counsel would inform that out of 23 prosecution witnesses cited, only 3 have been examined till date. The trial, as such, would take time to conclude.

Without making any observations on merits and keeping in view the length of incarceration already suffered by the petitioner, he is held

entitled to the benefit of bail.

Petition is allowed. Petitioner be enlarged on bail subject to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Amritsar.

Disposed of.

06.05.2016

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**