

CRM-M-14542-2016

Date of Decision : 17.08.2016

Harjinder Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI**Present:** Mr. Jasdeep Singh Gill, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Jashanpreet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

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

Petitioner seeks concession of pre-arrest bail in a case registered by Vigilance Bureau, Jalandhar on the allegation that while working as Senior Assistant in the Department of Fisheries, Punjab, the petitioner had accumulated wealth beyond his known sources of income by misusing his official status. The complaint against the petitioner was received on 21.11.2012. FIR No. 4 dated 17.03.2016 was registered under Section 13 (1) (e) and 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, on the basis of an inquiry which remained pending for a number of years.

As the complicity of the petitioner is to be determined on the basis of documents which have already been collected during the course of inquiry, it does not appear to be a case of custodial interrogation. The petitioner appears to have not misused his liberty since November, 2012 till date and does not seem to have used his hands to pressurize anyone or to interfere in the investigation. The petitioner has also joined investigation pursuant to the interim orders

passed by this Court on 29.04.2016.

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 condition that he will join investigation as and when required and will not tamper with the evidence or hamper the investigation in any manner.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

17.08.2016
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No