

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

CRM-M No.15017 of 2016

Date of Decision:-18.05.2016

Baj Kumar.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab.

.....Respondent.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present:- Mr. Rajesh Kumar Girdhar, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
assisted by Inspector Sanjeev Kumar, Vigilance Bureau,
Bathinda, Punjab.

JASWANT SINGH, J (ORAL)

Prayer is under Section 439 Cr.PC for grant of regular bail to the petitioner-Baj Kumar in case FIR No.07 dated 5.4.2016 for offences punishable under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of Indian Penal Code and Sections 13(1)(d) read with Section 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 registered with Police Station Vigilance Bureau, Bathinda Range, Bathinda.

As per the allegations the petitioner-accused was charging Rs.200/- to Rs.500/- from different customers for obtaining Registration Certificates of new vehicles from the office of DTO, Faridkot. The allegation thus is that he was encouraging corruption in the office by expediting the whole process.

It is contended that the petitioner is a private agent and was charging his fee for extending his services to the customers and as such no offence has been committed. The prosecution has not shown any illegal or fake RC obtained through the petitioner-accused. That apart petitioner is stated to be in custody since 5.4.2016 and investigation qua him are over.

Learned State Counsel assisted by Inspector Sanjeev Kumar, Vigilance Bureau Bathinda, Punjab does not dispute the custody period and the fact that investigation qua him are over.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, keeping in view the custody period and that the trial is not likely to be concluded in near future, present petition is allowed and the petitioner Baj Kumar is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of learned CJM/Duty Magistrate, Faridkot.

Petition stands disposed of.

(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

May 18, 2016
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