

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

**CRM-M No. 15514 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 25.05.2016**

Gurpreet Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Simrandeep Singh Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mikhail Kad, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State assisted by HC Kanwaljit Singh.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, is for grant of anticipatory bail on behalf of the petitioner-accused-Gurpreet Singh in case FIR No. 22, dated 11.03.2016, for offences punishable under Sections 379, 411 of the Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Badhni Kalan, District Moga.

On a secret information, a *Tata Canter* with stolen wheat was intercepted on 11.03.2016. It is alleged that wheat belongs to Punjab Government and the accused-driver (Jaspal Singh) has named, *inter alia*, the petitioner-accused as *Chowkidar* of the *godown* from where the wheat was loaded on to the Canter.

It was contended that the petitioner is an employee of M/s Sai Cattle Feed, who in turn purchased the said wheat from Ekam Industries,

Batala. It was, thus, contended that as such, no offence is made out against the petitioner.

At the time of hearing, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that pursuant to order dated 09.05.2016, passed by this Court, the petitioner has since joined the investigation and fully cooperated.

Learned State Counsel, assisted by HC Kanwaljit Singh, does not refute the aforesaid factual position and further states that the petitioner is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the above, the interim protection/pre-arrest bail granted to the petitioner by this Court's order dated 09.05.2016, is made absolute.

Disposed of.

May 25, 2016

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(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE