

CRM-M-15645-2016**272****IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH****CRM-M-15645-2016****Date of Decision: 20.05.2016****RAJ KUMAR****... Petitioner****VS.****STATE OF PUNJAB****.....Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDIP SINGH.**Present: Mr. Baldev Singh Sodhi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

1. *Whether Reporters of Local Newspapers may be allowed to see the judgment?*
2. *To be referred to the Reporters or not?*
3. *Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

KULDIP SINGH, J (ORAL)

The petitioner filed this petition under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure read with Section 439 (1) (b) Cr. P.C. praying for modification of impugned order dated 11.04.2016 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Ferozepur.

While granting regular bail to the present petitioner-Raj Kumar, learned Additional Sessions Judge, Ferozepur ordered that he be released on furnishing bail bonds in the sum of ₹ 1 Crore with one surety of the like amount.

Notice of motion was issued only on the point of amount of surety.

It is claimed on behalf of the State that the heavy amount is involved, therefore one surety of 1 Crore was rightly ordered to be furnished.

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I am of the view that the purpose of bail granted on furnishing surety bond is to secure the presence of the accused during the trial for which only reasonable amount which the accused can furnish, should be asked to be furnished in the bail order. The furnishing of exorbitant amount would mean that accused would not be able to furnish bail bond and surety bond and his bail application is as good as dismissed.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances, the amount of personal bond and surety is hereby reduced from 1 Crore each to 10 Lakhs each.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed.

**[KULDIP SINGH]
JUDGE**

May 20, 2016
Suresh Kumar