

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

Criminal Misc. No. M-16002 of 2016

Date of Decision:-21.07.2016

Nirmal Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

1. *Whether reporters of local newspapers may be allowed to see judgment?*
2. *To be referred to reporters or not?*
3. *Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

Present:- Mr. Vivek K. Thakur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurinderjit Singh, Deputy A.G., Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.50 dated 4.4.2016, under Sections 379, 420, 482, 483, 411, 467, 468 and 471 IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Khanna, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in the case in hand the petitioner is in custody since 4.4.2016 and challan in the case has been presented on 27.6.2016.

The allegation against the petitioner is that he has committed a

theft of a vehicle i.e. Tempo track jeep and using the same by affixing forged number plate. Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the trial in the case will take sufficient long time and the offence in question is triable by the Magistrate.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Avtar Ali states that the allegation against the petitioner is serious as he was apprehended alongwith the vehicle during Naka. The petitioner is living in Maharashtra and, therefore, could not be granted regular bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

It is not disputed that the offence in question is triable by the Magistrate. The petitioner is in custody since 4.4.2016. The trial will take sufficient long time for conclusion as the prosecution evidence has not yet been started.

Accordingly, without expressing anything on merits, the petition is accepted and the petitioner is admitted on regular bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds with heavy surety to the satisfaction of the trial Court. Considering the fact that the petitioner is presently residing at Maharashtra, the trial Court may impose any other reasonable condition as it may deem fit.

July 21, 2016
Vijay Asija

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE