

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

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**CRM-M-1612-2016
Date of Decision: March 14, 2016**

NARINDER PAL

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

UT OF CHANDIGARH

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S.BEDI

Present: Mr.Saurav Verma, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr.Gautam Dutt, APP, for U.T., Chandigarh.

M.M.S.BEDI, J.(Oral)

The petitioner apprehends arrest in a case registered at the instance of Vineet Verma alleging that he paid on demand Rs.5,000/- as illegal gratification to co-accused Sandeep Katoch for facilitating him when the criminal case against the complainant had been compromised. A petition for quashing on the basis of compromise is stated to be pending before this Court.

With the assistance of counsel for the petitioner and State counsel, I have perused the police file which indicates that it was co-accused of the petitioner, Sandeep Katoch who had entered into conversation on telephone with complainant Vineet Verma and received money. Case of the prosecution is that amount had been demanded and accepted on behalf of the petitioner. It will be debatable during the course of trial whether the amount received by the co-accused of the petitioner was actually an amount of bribe received on behalf of the petitioner. Petitioner having joined investigation it does not appear to be a case of custodial interrogation.

The petition is allowed. It is ordered that in case of arrest of the petitioner he will be released on bail to the satisfaction of the arresting officer subject to the condition that the petitioner will join investigation as and when required and will not tamper with the evidence or hamper investigation in any manner.

**March 14, 2016
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**(M.M.S.BEDI)
JUDGE**