

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

CRM-M-172-2016 (O&M)
Date of decision : 21.04.2016

Partap Singh @ Vijay Kalra

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. J.S. Bedi, Sr. Advocate,
with Mr. Harpreet Multani, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Aditya Sanghi, Addl. A.G., Punjab,
assisted by SI Pargat Singh and ASI Suraj Parkash.

Mr. APS Deol, Sr. Advocate,
with Mr. Rajesh Punj, Advocate,
for the complainant.

JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J.

The instant petition has been preferred under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail in case FIR No.255 dated 07.09.2015, registered under Sections 420, 406, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 3 and 4 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2012, at Police Station City Barnala.

The learned counsel contends that the petitioner has been named by co-accused, Jagjit Singh, one of the Directors of the Company. The petitioner is an official money changer, holding the

requisite permission by the competent authority (Annexure P-2). No recovery has been effected from him. He has also been allowed bail by this Court in similar matters vide orders Annexures P-4 and P-6 which have not been assailed by the State. He is in custody since 28.09.2015.

On the other hand, the learned State counsel, on instructions, admits the fact that neither any recovery was effected from the petitioner, nor the orders dated 17.11.2015 (Annexure P-4) and dated 15.01.2016 (Annexure P-6) have been assailed. The challan stands presented.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Keeping in view the fact that the petitioner is not named in the FIR, nothing has been recovered from him, he has been granted bail in two similar FIRs by this Court and is in custody since 28.09.2015, this Court feels that no useful purpose shall be achieved in keeping the petitioner under further incarceration.

In view of the above, without advertng to the merits of the instant case, this petition is allowed. The petitioner be admitted to bail during the pendency of the trial, subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds, to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE