

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

**CRM-M No.18371 of 2016 (O&M)  
Date of Decision: 01.06.2016**

Bhola Bhatti

..... Petitioner

*Versus*

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH**

Present: Mrs. Avinash Mandla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Aditya Sanghi, Additional Advocate General, Punjab  
for the respondent/State assisted by S.I. Ashwani Kumar.

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**JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)**

Present petition is for grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C. on behalf of the petitioner-accused Bhola Bhatti in case FIR No.07 dated 08.01.2016 for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, registered with Police Station Sadar Ferozepur, District Ferozepur.

As per the allegations, petitioner-accused Bhola Bhatti was always accompanying the main accused Patras Soni, who used to pose himself as Personal Assistant to the President of the Rural BJP party and had received a sum of Rs.8 lacs for the recruitment of the son of the complainant in Punjab Police.

The petitioner-accused is the maternal uncle of the main accused Patras Soni and thus no overt act as such is attributed except recovery of the documents furnished by the victim-Ranjit Singh to the main accused.

It is contended that the petitioner is in custody since 09.01.2016 and after completion of the investigation, challan stands presented, charges

framed and evidence of 21 cited prosecution witnesses is yet to commence. It is further contended that the main accused/non-applicant-Patras Soni has been enlarged on regular bail by this Court, vide order dated 25.05.2016 and thus claims for parity of treatment.

Learned State Counsel assisted by S.I. Ashwani Kumar does not dispute the aforesaid factual situation.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, keeping in view the parity of treatment, custody period and the fact that trial is not likely to be concluded in near future, this Court finds that petitioner/accused deserves the concession of regular bail and as such he is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

Disposed of.

**June 01, 2016**  
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**(JASWANT SINGH)**  
**JUDGE**