

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

CRM-M-21804 of 2016

Date of decision: 24.6.2016

Sandeep Puri

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GURMIT RAM

Present: Ms. Riffi Birla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

GURMIT RAM, J. (Oral)

The present petition under Section 482 read with Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for the modification of impugned order in CIS No.367/2016 dated 11.4.2016 (Annexure P-2) to the extent of imposition of condition of bail bonds in the sum of Rs.1 Crore each with one surety each in the like amount to the satisfaction of Investigating Officer/SHO of police station concerned has been filed on behalf of petitioner – Sandeep Puri. This condition is stated to be unreasonable, inequitable as well as too harsh.

While granting anticipatory bail to the present petitioner – Sandeep Puri, the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Ferozepur ordered that he (petitioner) be released on furnishing bail bonds in the sum of Rs.1 Crore with one surety in the like amount to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer / SHO concerned.

Notice of motion to the respondent - State qua the point of amount of surety only.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Deepak Garg, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent – State.

Learned counsel for the petitioner at the time of arguments contended that in a similar petition pertaining to the case in hand, this Court has reduced the above-said amount of Rs.1 Crore of surety to the tune of Rs.10 lacs. In support of her contention, she has produced on record a copy of order of this Court dated 20.5.2016 passed in CRM-M-15645 of 2016 titled '*Raj Kumar Versus State of Punjab*'.

The imposing of the surety amount of Rs.1 Crore is certainly on the higher side as well as harsh. So in the interest of justice, the amount of personal bond and surety bond is reduced from Rs.1 Crore to Rs.10 lacs and the impugned order (Annexure P/2) dated 11.4.2016 stands modified to this extent.

In view of the above, the present petition is allowed and disposed of accordingly.

24.6.2016
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(GURMIT RAM)
JUDGE