

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-22218-2016

Date of Decision: August 5, 2016

Ravinder Singla

...Petitioner

Versus

C.B.I.

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.B. CHAUDHARI

Present: Mr. Ranjit Singh Ghuman, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhdeep Singh Sandhu, Spl. Prosecutor for CBI.

A.B. CHAUDHARI, J. (Oral)

Reply filed by the respondent-CBI in the Court today, which is taken on record.

The petitioner was arrested in FIR No. RC AC1 2016 A0003, CBI, AC-I, New Delhi, dated 24.5.2016, for the offences punishable under Section 120-B, IPC, and Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. He is behind the bars since 25.5.2016.

Learned counsel for the respondent-CBI opposed the bail on the ground that further investigation is still not complete and the petitioner should not be released from jail because he may influence the witnesses or tamper with the evidence.

Heard learned Counsel for the rival parties.

Perusing the FIR against the petitioner and looking into the nature of the allegations levelled against him, I am satisfied that there is no point in keeping the petitioner in jail, who admittedly was an officer of the CBI. He had childishly not only taken away a car from the complainant but

he was insisting that the car be transferred in his own name.

Prima facie, there is no doubt that the petitioner has acted in a highly irresponsible manner and is liable to be dealt with departmentally in view of the seriousness of the matter. But then, there is no need in keeping him in jail.

I am not inclined to accept the submissions made by learned counsel for the respondent-CBI, but at the same time the interest of the CBI should be protected.

In that view of the matter, I make the following order:

1. The petition is allowed and the petitioner be released on bail to the satisfaction of the concerned Trial Court.
2. The petitioner shall not tamper with the record or otherwise influence the prosecution witnessess independent or otherwise;
3. The petitioner shall not even visit the office of the complainant company or talk on telephone to its officers and keep himself away from the officers of the complainant company and witnesses;
4. The respondent-CBI will be at liberty to apply for cancellation of bail in case of any further commission of such type of offence by the petitioner.

(A.B. CHAUDHARI)
JUDGE

August 5, 2016
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES / NO

Whether Reportable: YES / NO