

CRM-M-22246-2016

Date of Decision : 01.09.2016

Vinod Bhai

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI****Present:** Mr. Sumeet Puri, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Jashanpreet Singh, DAG, Punjab

**M.M.S. BEDI, JUDGE (ORAL)**

Vide order dated 08.07.2016, the petitioner was directed to join investigation on 23.07.2016.

State counsel informs that the investigating officer has not approached him for supplying the information regarding petitioner having joined investigation.

However, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner has already joined investigation.

The petitioner has allegedly indulged in theft of electricity by tampering with the seals of the meter. As per provisions of the Electricity Act, the offence is bailable on deposit of the amount demanded by virtue of the notice by Electricity Department. Objective of prosecution is to effect recoveries from the persons who indulged in the activity of theft of electricity. No one having approached the State counsel gives an indication that the Electricity Department is not serious about contesting this petition.

The petition is allowed. Interim order dated 08.07.2016 is hereby made absolute subject to the condition that petitioner will join investigation as and when required and will not tamper with the evidence or hamper the investigation in any manner. He would also not indulge in similar activity of which he is accused of in this case. In case of violation of any of the conditions, it will be open to the complainant authority to seek the cancellation of the bail.

Nothing said in this order will prejudice the rights of the Electricity Department to proceed for recovery in accordance with law.

**(M.M.S. BEDI)**  
**JUDGE**

**01.09.2016**

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No