

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

CRM-M No. 23511 of 2016
Date of decision : October 21, 2016

Jai Dev Bhandari

..... Petitioner

v.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. Veneet Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, Addl. AG Punjab

Mr. R.K Arya, Advocate
for the complainant.

Ajay Tewari, J (Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR
No.47, dated 10.4.2016, registered under Sections 420, 120B of the IPC,
at Police Station Ajnala, Amritsar Rural, District Amritsar.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that though the
allegations may appear to be serious yet there is no explanation for the
fact that the complaint was lodged six years after the alleged incident.

Learned Addl. AG Punjab, on instructions from ASI Satnam Singh, as well as counsel for the complainant are not in a position to give any explanation as to why the complainant did not approach the authorities for six long years.

In these circumstances, I do not deem it appropriate to deny the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Resultantly, this petition is allowed and it is directed that in the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on anticipatory bail by the Investigating Officer to his satisfaction subject to the compliance of the provisions as contained in Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C.

October 21, 2016
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: **Yes/No**

Whether Reportable: **Yes/No**