

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc. No. M-25316 of 2016
Date of Decision: 01.08.2016

Raju

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

Present:- Mr. J.S. Hooda, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manish Bansal, DAG, Haryana.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.391 dated 10.2.2016 under Sections 135, 138, 151 of the Indian Electricity (Supply) Act, 2003 registered at Irrigation and Power Police Station, Faridabad, District Faridabad.

Learned counsel for the petitioner relies upon orders of this Court dated 22.7.2016 passed in CRM-M-Nos.23941 and 23947 of 2016 and contends that in similar circumstances, the petitioner who was accused in other cases has been admitted on regular bail.

Learned State counsel does not dispute the contention raised on behalf of the petitioner and on instructions from ASI Jagdish, submits

that the petitioner is in custody since 10.3.2016 and the consumer has already deposited the amount which was outstanding against him on account of theft of energy. He further submits that the case is at stage of prosecution evidence.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

There is no dispute that the petitioner, who is accused in other cases, has been admitted on bail. Considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 10.3.2016 and the trial will take sufficiently long time, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is admitted on regular bail subject to furnishing of his bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

It is made clear that expression made hereinabove shall not be construed as any opinion on the merits of the case.

August 01, 2016
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned?

Yes / No

Whether reportable?

Yes / No