

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

(205)

CRM-M-27645-2016

Decided on: November 08, 2016.

Rajender Singh @ Rajender Kumar

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI

Present: Mr. G.C. Shahpuri, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. C.S. Bakhshi, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

M.M.S. BEDI, J (ORAL)

Petitioner, while working as a Lineman in the Electricity department, had allegedly demanded money from complainant Sumit Kumar.

Perusal of the record indicates that the allegation has been levelled by the complainant to the effect that on 24.07.2016 Bhim Singh had called the complainant to his office where the petitioner and Bhim Singh had threatened the complainant that seal of his old meter was damaged and that in case the meter was sent for lab testing then it could warrant penalty of Rs.1 lac which could be avoided in case the complainant pays a sum of Rs.10,000/- as bribe for not imposing fine.

Admittedly, it is a case in which joint demand is alleged to have been raised. The culpability of the petitioner is stated to be established on the basis of the phone call between the petitioner and the complainant. The culpability of the petitioner will be a debatable issue in view of the fact that recovery and acceptance of any money is not established as per the investigation conducted till now.

The petitioner having joined the investigation, he can be granted the concession of bail.

The petition is allowed. It is ordered that in case of arrest of petitioner, he will be released on bail to the satisfaction of the arresting officer subject to the conditions that he will join investigation as and when required and will not tamper with the evidence or hamper the investigation in any manner and will not commit similar offence of which he is accused of, during the entire period of trial.

It will be highly appreciable, in case, the employer of the petitioner does not depute the petitioner at public duty.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No