

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

(203)

**CRM-M-30309-2016 (O&M)
Decided on: December 20, 2016.**

Pawan Kumar Verma and others

.... Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

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

Present: Mr. Aditya Sanghi and Mr. Lokesh Sharma, Advocates,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Ramesh Kumar, AAG, Haryana.

Mr. Surinder Dagar, Advocate,
Mr. G.S. Gopera, Advocate, for the complainants.

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

This is a petition for grant of pre-arrest bail in seven FIRs mentioned in the heading of the petition registered in different police station of different districts of Haryana on the allegation that the petitioners have committed breach of commitments with different dealers in different districts. Joint petition was entertained on the ground that the petitioners had expressed their desire to discharge their liability as per the terms of the agreement between the petitioners and gas agency dealers. Besides this, an amount of Rs.2.4 crores stand deposited with the Registry of this Court.

Vide interim order passed by this Court, the petitioners were directed to deposit bank drafts of Rs.10 lacs in the names of the various dealers in seven FIRs. The interim order has not been complied with.

Though the petitioners initially joined the investigation but subsequently they having been arrested in criminal cases registered against

them in U.P and later on having been arrested in Rajasthan by Rajasthan Police, they seem to have not been able to comply with any direction to discharge their liability.

Without expression of any opinion on merits, the present petition is dismissed on the ground that a joint petition would not be maintainable without prejudice to the right of the petitioners to approach this Court in case the matter is amicably settled with the aggrieved persons.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has informed that a sum of Rs.1.50 crores had been deposited while filing a writ petition in the Supreme Court and another sum of Rs.1 crore was deposited with the Registry by the petitioners to show their bona fide.

It will be open to the petitioners to move an application for withdrawal of the said amount by approaching the Apex Court or this Court as deemed appropriate.

Interim orders granted to the petitioners vide different orders by this Court, are hereby vacated.

Nothing mentioned in this order will prejudice the right of the petitioners to seek concession of regular bail in accordance with law.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that a direction be issued that in case the petitioners move an application for grant of regular bail on their arrest/surrender, the same may be decided expeditiously.

It can be observed in this regard that in case the petitioners, on their arrest/surrender, move application for regular bail and a prayer is made

for expeditious disposal of the same, the same would be decided expeditiously irrespective of any observation made in this order.

December 20, 2016

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(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Whether reportable:

Yes/No

Yes/No