

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

(227)

CRM-M-41505-2015

Decided on: January 07, 2016.

Karamjit Singh Bhullar

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

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

Present: Ms. J.S. Thind, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Jashan Preet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

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

Petitioner seeks concession of regular bail in a case registered at the instance of DIG (Jails) alleging that the petitioner while working as Deputy Superintendent (Jail) had indulged in the act of extorting money from the jail inmates under threat and used to supply drugs in the jail to the inmates. In this context, prosecution agency has recorded the statements of inmates that they used to pay money to the petitioner as bribe. Statements of seven inmates stand recorded.

On the instructions of Inspector Ravinder Singh, learned State counsel informs that the investigation in the present case is complete and that the petitioner has been facing a large number of departmental inquiries w.e.f. the year 2009 to 2015. A list of 32 instances committed by the petitioner of misconduct leading to departmental irregularities has been made available on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has contended that the FIR is an act of vindictiveness on account of petitioner having raised voice against the illegalities committed by his superiors.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner had earlier approached this Court for grant of pre-arrest bail in this case but with an oblique motive, he had been involved in FIR No.159 of 2015 registered at Police Station Faridkot and was arrested in that case. Petitioner has been granted regular bail in that case. The petitioner was arrested in the present case while in custody in the other case.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and gone through the record.

Petitioner has been in custody w.e.f. 02.11.2015. He has been granted concession of regular bail in FIR No.159 dated 24.07.2015. The petitioner has been involved in FIR No.159 registered on 24.07.2015 w.e.f. 27.08.2015, during pendency of the period when he had been granted interim bail in the present FIR. So far as list of allegation of misconduct from the year 2009 to 2015 is concerned, the State can always take administrative action against the petitioner.

Without expression of any opinion regarding the authenticity of the statements of the witnesses who are in custody as inmates of the jail and taking into consideration the fact of investigation having been completed, the petitioner can be granted concession of bail.

Petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail

on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court subject to the condition that he will not leave India without the permission of the Court.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

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