

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

(223)

**CRM-M-43430-2015 (O&M)
Decided on: February 05, 2016.**

Baljeet Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

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

Present: Mr. Manjit Dalal, Sr. Advocate, with
Mr. Samrat Malik, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurdas Singh Salwara, DAG, Haryana.

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

Petitioner seeks concession of regular bail in a case registered on the allegations that Government of Haryana, Social Welfare Department had floated various welfare schemes including old age pension scheme permitting sum of Rs. 1000/- to be disbursed to each of senior citizens. So far as the petitioner is concerned, he is alleged to be responsible for the disbursement of the pension to the tune of more than Rs.1.92 crores.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was not solely responsible for the disbursement of the money to the beneficiaries. He has further submitted that the petitioner had been only a sanctioning authority and that three cases have been registered against the petitioner regarding the same offence. He has been granted concession of bail in two cases i.e. FIR No.112 dated 23.02.2015 registered at Police Station Civil Lines, District Karnal and in FIR No.114 dated 23.02.2015 registered at same police station and the copies of the order have been placed on record as Annexures P-11 and P-12.

On asking of the Court, learned State counsel informs that challan has been presented only against the petitioner and that the investigation regarding culpability of the other officials is still under investigation.

Taking into consideration the totality of above said circumstances, the petitioner can be granted concession of regular 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.

Nothing said in this order will prejudice the right of the State to effect recoveries, if any, in accordance with law.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

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