

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

(222)

CRM-M-9212-2016

Decided on: July 22, 2016.

Ranjeet Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

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

Present: Mr. G.S. Kaura, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikas Malik, DAG, Haryana.

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

The petitioner is one of the eighteen accused persons who are allegedly responsible for misappropriation of huge quantity of stocks of rice causing loss of more than Rs.14 crores to the Food and Supplies Department.

So far as the petitioner is concerned, he had allegedly connived with the other co-accused and hatched a criminal conspiracy and the petitioner had obtained a lease of rice mill for five years but got it transferred to co-accused Harpreet Singh etc. for ten years in the year 2014 and offered surety as guarantee on behalf of co-accused Harpreet Singh and Karamjit Singh in the office of Excise and Taxation Department.

Though there are serious allegations against the petitioner of having misappropriated the amount along with other accused but challan

having already been presented; he being in custody w.e.f. 19.01.2016 and the other co-accused being on bail, the petitioner can also be granted the same relief.

The 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 conditions that he will not leave India without the permission of the Court during the course of trial and will not tamper with the evidence or hamper the investigation in any manner.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

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