

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH.**

CRM-M No.9477 of 2016

Date of Decision:-22.04.2016

Brij Lal Garg.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab.

.....Respondent.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present:- Mr. Gaurav Chopra, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
along with SI Pawan Kumar.

Prayer is under Section 438 Cr.PC for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner Brij Lal Garg in case FIR No.221 dated 14.11.2013 for offences punishable under Sections 177, 420, 465, 467, 468 & 471, 120-B of Indian Penal Code registered with Police Station Division No.5 Civil Lines, Ludhiana.

The allegations in short are that one of the private firm M/s Jaldhara Cotspin Private Limited along with other companies had misutilized the refund of VAT amount. The petitioner is one of the directors of M/s Jaldhara Cotspin which primarily is operated by his co-accused grand son Raman Kumar Garg.

It was contended that apart from the merits of the case, it is co-accused Raman Kumar Garg who was responsible for operating the said

firm who has already been granted anticipatory bail. Petitioner is stated to be 80 years old and undergone a bypass surgery recently.

Learned State Counsel submits that the role attributed to the petitioner is similar to the co-accused Raman Kumar Garg, however, does not dispute the fact that Raman Kumar Garg has been extended the benefit of anticipatory bail. He further submits that the petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is no longer required.

In view of the above, interim protection/bail granted vide order dated 17th of March, 2016 is made absolute.

Petition stands disposed of.

(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

April 22, 2016
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