

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

**Criminal Misc. No. M-15727 of 2017  
Date of Decision:-17.07.2017**

Karam Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA**

Present:- Mr. Vinod Kumar, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Bhupender Beniwal, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Sunil Agnihotri, Advocate  
for the respondent No.2-complainant.

**HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)**

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in criminal complaint No.154 of 2008 dated 1.9.2008 (Annexure P-1) titled as 'Swatantara Devi vs. Amar Singh and others', under Sections 148, 149, 323, 324, 427 and 452 IPC.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that pursuant to order dated 5.5.2017, the petitioner has surrendered before the competent Court, rather he has been admitted on bail on furnishing of adequate bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court vide order dated 11.5.2017. He further states that the co-accused in the case have already

been acquitted by the learned trial Court. Though acquittal of co-accused is sufficient to acquit the petitioner but the petitioner is ready to face the trial in accordance with law.

However, Mr. Sunil Agnihotri, Advocate for the complainant states that even if other co-accused have been acquitted, the complainant has also to lead fresh evidence.

As the petitioner has surrendered before the competent Court and has been admitted on bail, the order dated 5.5.2017 is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall continue to join the proceedings in trial.

July 17, 2017  
Vijay Asija

( HARI PAL VERMA )  
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No