

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

CRL. MISC. No.M-21610 OF 2017
DATE OF DECISION : 6th JULY, 2017

Balbir Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. B. CHAUDHARI

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Present : Mr. Amardeep Singh Mann, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Sandhu, Sr. D.A.G. Punjab.

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A. B. CHAUDHARI, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail in FIR No.03 dated 06.03.2017 registered under Sections 409, 420, 467, 468 & 471 IPC and Section 13(1)(d) read with Section 13 (2) Prevention of Corruption Act at Police Station Vigilance Bureau Bathinda, Range Bathinda.

Heard learned counsel for the rival parties.

The petitioner was arrested on 18.05.2017 and since then he is in jail. The prosecution allegations are that the petitioner had violated the instructions of the Government with regard to the payment of compensation to the tillers rather than paying the compensation to the owners of the land.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that some of the owners of the land have returned back the amount to the Government in the sum of ₹2,16,000/-. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Baljinder Singh, supports this version.

Be that as it may, looking to the role played by the petitioner and the nature of the offence and the fact that some money has been returned back to the Government, I think that no useful purpose will be served by continuing the detention of the petitioner in jail pending trial. Hence, I make the following order:

ORDER

- (i) The CRL. MISC. No.M-21610 OF 2017 is allowed
- (ii) The petitioner be released on bail to the satisfaction of the concerned CJM/Duty Magistrate.

6TH JULY, 2017
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(A. B. CHAUDHARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes	No
Whether Reportable:	Yes	No