

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

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**CRM-M-40737 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision: April 25, 2017**

Harbir Singh Maan

....Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present: Mr. Ramandeep Singh Pandher, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Singh Sethi, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (Oral)

This order shall dispose of the present petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in F.I.R. No.04 dated 06.04.2016 under sections 409, 420, 120-B IPC and 13(1) (D) R/W 13(2) P.C. Act, registered at Police Station V.B. F.S.-1 Punjab at Mohali.

Allegations in nutshell against the petitioner are of having acted as a conduit and having received certain sums of money from one Sahil Bansal and Manvinder Singh to provide them access to question papers for recruitment to the post of SDO, Civil Local Bodies, State of Punjab.

On 16.11.2016, while issuing notice of motion, the following order was passed by this Court:-

“Petitioner allegedly acted as a conduit and received a sum of Rs.13 lac and Rs.12 lac from Sahil Bansal and Mento Kochar and showed them the leaked papers.

Similarly circumstanced co-accused have been granted the concession of pre-arrest bail.

Notice to the Advocate General, Punjab, for 20.12.2016.

Meanwhile, an interim direction is issued that the petitioner will join investigation on 26.11.2016, 3.12.2016 or on any other day as required by the investigating agency. In case of petitioner doing so, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the arresting officer.

The petitioner is expected to cooperate with the investigating agency and provide the necessary information for fair investigation.”

Learned State counsel upon instructions from Inspector Harish Kumar would apprise the Court that the petitioner has since joined investigation.

Under such circumstances, custodial interrogation of the petitioner, as such, would not be warranted.

Prayer made in the present petition is accepted.

The order dated 16.11.2016, passed by this Court, is made absolute.

Petition disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : ***Yes***
Whether reportable : ***No***