

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-39964-2015

Date of decision: September 12, 2017.

Ranjit Singh

... **Petitioner**

v.

State of Punjab

... **Respondent**

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

Present: Shri P.S. Hundal, Senior Advocate with
Shri Jagtar Singh, Advocate for the petitioner(s).
Shri Ramandeep Singh Sandhu, Sr. Dy. AG, Punjab.

A.B. Chaudhari, J. (Oral):

Heard learned Counsel for the rival parties.

The petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in FIR No.12/2015 dated 12.10.2015, registered under Sections 409, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC, 13(1)(d) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, Section 7 of the Essential Commodities Act and 13, 18, 21(D), 29 of the Insecticides Act, Police Station Vigilance Bureau, Jalandhar. The petitioner is a retired Agriculture Development Officer of the State of Punjab. The allegations against the petitioner are that he has sold the insecticides etc. labelling them as approved by the Govt. but as per the prosecution, in fact the same were not approved and were fake.

The petitioner was granted the concession of interim anticipatory bail on 28.11.2015. He has joined the investigation and is at liberty. In my opinion, since the petitioner being a retired officer, has joined the investigation and a period of 22 months has elapsed since the grant of

anticipatory bail, presence of the petitioner is not now required. In that view of the matter, the interim order dated November 28, 2015 is made absolute.

Disposed of.

September 12, 2017.
kadyan

[**A.B. Chaudhari**]
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No