

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

CRL. MISC. No.M-40336 OF 2017
DATE OF DECISION : 8th NOVEMBER, 2017

Gurmesh Singh Gill

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

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

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Present : Mr. Abhinav Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gaurav Garg Dhuriwala, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

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A. B. CHAUDHARI, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail in FIR No.06, dated 08.06.2017 registered under Sections 13(1)(D), 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act; Section 420, 506, 120-B IPC, (Sections 465, 467, 468 & 471 IPC added later on), registered at Police Station FS Vigilance Bureau, Phase-1, SAS Nagar Mohali.

Heard learned counsel for the rival parties.

The petitioner was arrested on 09.06.2017 and is in jail since then. Looking to the period of custody and the date of registration of FIR, by this time the investigation must have been completed. At any rate no useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars *ad infinitum* as the trial is still going on and will take time to conclude.

In view of the fact that the trial will take its own time, I am inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. Hence, I make the following order:

ORDER

- (i) The CRL. MISC. No.M-40336 OF 2017 is allowed.
- (ii) The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of the concerned CJM/Duty Magistrate.
- (iii) The petitioner to surrender his passport with the trial Court, if he possesses the same.

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(A. B. CHAUDHARI)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>