

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

CRL. MISC. No.M-42094 OF 2017
DATE OF DECISION : 13th NOVEMBER, 2017

Sukhmander Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

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

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Present : Mr. Brijeshwar Singh Bhalla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr. D.A.G. 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.11 dated 15.09.2017 registered under Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, District Ludhiana.

Heard learned counsel for the rival parties.

The petitioner was arrested on 15.09.2017 and is in jail since then. The tractor in question is already in the custody of the police and the procedure for releasing the same is under process.

Looking to the date of arrest of the petitioner and the fact that the process of releasing the tractor on supardari is under process, I do not think that the petitioner should be detained in jail as under trial *ad infinitum*. In that view of the matter, I am inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

In the result, I make the following order:

ORDER

- (i) The CRL. MISC. No.M-42094 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.

9th NOVEMBER, 2017
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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>