

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

**CRM No.M-43010 of 2016
Date of Decision:28.02.2017**

Maninder Singh Aulakh @ Bitoo Aulakh Vs. Gurnam Singh Deputy Director, Directorate of Enforcement Government of India	Petitioner Respondent
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**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA KANT
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA**

Present:- Mr. Gautam Dutt, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Ranjana Shahi, Advocate for the respondent.

SURYA KANT, J.(Oral)

The petitioner seeks his enlargement on regular bail in a case No.ECIR No.-02/JLZO/2013 registered under Sections 3 and 4 of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 in the complaint captioned as “Gurnam Singh, Deputy Director, Directorate of Enforcement, Jalandhar, Govt. of India v. Anup Singh Kahlon and Others”. Earlier also, the petitioner had approached this Court and his bail application bearing Crl. Misc. No.42434 of 2015 was disposed of by us on September 07, 2016 in the following terms:-

“In the totality of the circumstances, we dispose of this petition with a direction to the Enforcement Directorate to identify its most vulnerable private witnesses and submit their list to the Ld. Special Court within two weeks, whereupon the Designated Court shall fix a time schedule not to exceed two months for completing the evidence of those witnesses. Thereafter, the Ld. Special Court shall consider the desirability

of releasing the petitioner on bail, subject to imposition of such precautionary terms and conditions as deemed appropriate in the light of the changed circumstances, and without being influenced by the previous rejection Orders in this regard.”

In purported compliance of the above directions, we are informed that the private witnesses have been summoned by the learned Special Judge for 3.3.2017 and their statements are likely to be recorded on that date. We are further informed that the petitioner, even before expiry of the time which we had granted to the learned Special Judge, filed his bail application before the Special Judge which is also pending.

In this view of the matter, we dispose of the instant petition at this stage with a direction to the learned Special Judge to record the statements of the private witnesses summoned for 3.3.2017 on the date fixed or within one week thereafter. As soon as the statements are recorded, the bail application of the petitioner shall be taken up and decided on merits in the light of the observations made in our order dated 17.09.2016 at the earliest but not later than 10 days thereafter.

Disposed of.

(SURYA KANT)
JUDGE

(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

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Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No