

**209-A IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.**

CRM-M No.44485 of 2016

Date of Decision: 30.01.2017

Rakesh Bhandari

-Petitioner

Vs

State of Punjab

-Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Veneet Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Shilesh Gupta, Additional A.G., Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Concededly, Jaidev Bhandari has been granted
anticipatory bail by this Court on 21.10.2016.

The said order reads as under:-

*“The petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory
bail in case FIR No.47, dated 10.4.2016,
registered under Sections 420, 120B of the IPC,
at Police Station Ajnala, Amritsar Rural, District
Amritsar.*

*Counsel for the petitioner has argued that
though the allegations may appear to be serious
yet there is no explanation for the fact that the
complaint was lodged six years after the alleged
incident.*

Learned Addl. AG Punjab, on instructions from ASI Satnam Singh, as well as counsel for the complainant are not in a position to give any explanation as to why the complainant did not approach the authorities for six long years.

In these circumstances, I do not deem it appropriate to deny the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Resultantly, this petition is allowed and it is directed that in the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on anticipatory bail by the Investigating Officer to his satisfaction subject to the compliance of the provisions as contained in Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C.”

Petitioner is father of aforesaid Jaidev Bhandari. The present case is not distinguishable from the case of Jaidev Bhandari.

In view of aforesaid, order dated 14.12.2016 is hereby made absolute.

30.01.2017
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(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

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