

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

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**CRM-M-45319 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision: April 25, 2017**

Harbir Singh Maan

....Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present: Mr. Ramandeep Singh Pandher, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Singh Sethi, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (Oral)

This order shall dispose of the present petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in F.I.R. No.15 dated 16.10.2016 under sections 409, 420, 465, 467, 471, 120-B IPC and 13(1) (D) R/W 13(2) P.C. Act, registered at Police Station V.B. F.S.-1 Punjab at Mohali.

Allegations in nutshell against the petitioner are of having acted as a conduit in relation to a recruitment question paper having been leaked for the post of SDO, Irrigation Department, State of Punjab.

On 23.12.2016, the following order was passed by this Court:-

“Heard on misc. application.

The petitioner appears to be involved in another case of similar nature in which he has filed an application for pre-arrest bail which is fixed for 17.1.2017.

The present case is also fixed for 17.1.2017.

The petitioner has been directed to join investigation in another case on 7.1.2017.

A prayer has been made for pre-poning the date or staying the arrest.

Notice of the application to the State for the date fixed.

Meanwhile, an interim direction is issued that the petitioner will join investigation in the present case on 6.1.2017 between 10:00 AM to 4:00 P.M.. In case of petitioner doing so, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the arresting officer.”

Learned State counsel upon instructions from Inspector Harish Kumar would apprise the Court that the petitioner has since joined investigation.

Under such circumstances, custodial interrogation of the petitioner, as such, would not be warranted.

Prayer made in the present petition is accepted.

The order dated 23.12.2016, passed by this Court, is made absolute.

Petition disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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