

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-12841-2017(O&M)

Date of Decision: 22.03.2018

Dev Raj

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

--Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. J.S. Ghuman, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ashish Yadav, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J (Oral)

This order shall dispose of the present petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C praying for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case F.I.R. No.15 dated 15.1.2017 under sections 379, 307, 420, 467, 468, 471, 473, 120-B I.P.C, sections 29, 32, 33 of Indian Forest Act and sections 27, 29, 35 (5) of Wild Life Protection Act (section 13(1) (D) of Prevention of Corruption Act was added later on), registered at Police Station, Chhachhrouli, District Yamuna Nagar.

Briefly, it may be noticed that allegations against the petitioner are with regard to having furnished fake bills so as to facilitate the smuggling of *khair* wood at the hands of other co-accused.

Counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is the sole proprietor of M/s Jai Hanuman Trading Company, Nangal and is authorized to engage in the trade of *khair* wood. In support of such contention counsel adverts to the document appended and placed on record at Annexure P-3.

Counsel further submits that in pursuance to the order dated 28.4.2017 passed by this Court petitioner has joined investigation and has also furnished all the account books and other relevant material pertaining to his firm.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Nar Singh concedes to the fact that the petitioner has joined investigation and is cooperating in the matter.

In the considered view of this Court, custodial interrogation of the petitioner, as such, would not be warranted. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. The order dated 28.4.2017, passed by this Court, is made absolute.

Petition disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No