

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

CRM-M-1789-2018 (O&M)

Date of decision: 23.01.2018

Sahib Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

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

Present: Mr. K.S. Kang, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL).

Petitioner seeks benefit of regular bail pending trial in case FIR No.15, dated 09.12.2017, Under Sections 7/13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, registered at Police Station VBFS-I, Punjab at Mohali.

Counsel for the parties have been heard at length.

Petitioner is stated to be serving as Sub Inspector under the Punjab Police and holding the post of SHO, Police Station Gharuan, District SAS Nagar.

Allegations made by the complainant are that two trucks carrying sand were intercepted by HC Rachpal Singh (co-accused) and a demand of illegal gratification has been raised.

Counsel for the petitioner would vehemently argue that even as per version of the complainant, the demand and acceptance, if any, is by HC Rachpal Singh and not at the hands of the present petitioner.

The matter is still under investigation. FIR has been registered on 09.12.2017.

Petitioner is a member of police force.

I find considerable merit in the contention raised by learned State counsel that if the petitioner is granted benefit of regular bail it would not be conducive for a free and unhampered investigation.

This Court is not inclined to extend in favour of the petitioner the benefit of bail at this stage.

Prayer is declined.

Liberty is granted to the petitioner to approach the Court afresh after presentation of the final report under Section 173(2) Cr.P.C.

23.01.2018

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |