

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

CRM No.M-27767 of 2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision: July 11, 2018

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...Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr.Sarju Puri, Advocate
for the petitioner.

INDERJIT SINGH, J.

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.09 dated 15.05.2018 under Sections 7, 13 (2) of Prevention of Corruption Act and Section 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, District Jalandhar.

Notice of motion.

Mr.Pawan Sharda, Sr. DAG, Punjab has put in appearance on behalf of the respondent-State and contested the petition.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel and have gone through the record.

As per the allegations against the present petitioner, he has connived with J.E. of the Electricity Department. Present petitioner is not a public servant. The bribe was also demanded by the main accused and not

by the petitioner.

The petitioner has been in custody since 15.05.2018. The trial of the case will take long time. The petitioner is not required for any investigation or interrogation purposes as he is in judicial custody. No useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner in custody till disposal of the case.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case, without discussing the facts in minute detail and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bonds in the sum of ₹40,000/- with one surety in the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

However, nothing stated above, shall constitute my opinion on merits of the case.

July 11, 2018
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(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
No