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

CRM-M No.38912 of 2017

Date of Decision: 11.01.2018

NITIN PATHAK

.....Petitioner

Vs

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH*

Present: Mr. Fatehjeet Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.140 dated 31.05.2014, registered under Sections 353/145/160/427 IPC and Section 8 of the National Highway Act at Police Station Rama Mandi, District Jalandhar.

Damage to the public and private properties has been alleged against the petitioner and others in an incident of *Dharna*/demonstration on national highway. Traffic was disrupted and inconvenience was caused to the public at large.

In view of order dated 21.11.2017, passed by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court likely loss has been assessed in respect of damage to the public property to the tune of

Rs.21,425/-.

At this stage, no determination *qua* the exact loss can be made, but keeping in view the fact that after registration of the case, petitioner was allowed to join the investigation by the police itself and thereafter when he did not join the investigation, the police sought to arrest him before filing of the challan.

Since the challan has already been submitted to the Court on 30.05.2017, it would be just and appropriate to direct the petitioner to deposit an amount of Rs.10,000/- with the trial Court without prejudice to his ultimate rights at the conclusion of the trial. Ordered accordingly.

In the event of appearance of the petitioner before the trial Court and depositing an amount of Rs.10,000/-, the trial Court shall enlarge the petitioner on bail on his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to its satisfaction.

Nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of any opinion on merits of the case.

Petition stands disposed of.

January 11, 2018

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Yes/No

Yes/No