

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

CRM-M No.41217 of 2017

Decided on: 15.03.2018

Pargan Singh

. . . Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

. . . Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

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

Mr. Harbir Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Tarun Seth, Advocate for
Mr. Sumit Jain, Advocate
For the complainant.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (Oral)

This is third petition preferred under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail to the petitioner pending trial in case FIR No.16 dated 08.03.2016 registered under Sections 406, 420 and 506 IPC at Police Station Rawalpindi, District Kapurthala.

Counsel representing the petitioner at the very outset makes a statement that he would confine the scope of the petition only for issuance of directions for a speedy culmination of the trial.

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Briefly noticed, petitioner is a partner in M/s Dashmesh Rice Mill, VPO Sahni, Tehsil Phagwara, District Kapurthala. Allegations are that out of paddy stock received from the Punjab State Warehousing Corporation for custom milling, a huge amount of paddy has been misappropriated which in pecuniary terms translates to Rs.2.34 crores approximately.

Petitioner has faced incarceration for the last 2 years.

Prosecution evidence has already concluded.

The trial is at the stage of defence evidence.

Without making any observation on merits, the limited prayer made by counsel for the petitioner is found to be reasonable.

Accordingly, while declining to grant regular bail to the petitioner, the instant petition is disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to expedite the trial and in any case conclude the same within a period of 4 months from today.

[TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA]
JUDGE

March 15, 2018
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