

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-5310-2018(O&M)
Date of Decision: 21.03.2018

Swaran Singh

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

--Respondent

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

Present:- Mr. Akashdeep Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. S.S. Sandhu, A.A.G., Punjab.

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.23 dated 16.10.2017 under sections 409, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B I.P.C, sections 13(1) read with section 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, registered at Police Station, Vigilance Bureau, District Jalandhar.

On 8.2.2018, while issuing notice of motion, the following order was passed by this Court:-

“Inter alia contends that co-accused Satinder Deep Singh and who was also an official of the Food & Supplies Department, State of Punjab, has been granted concession of pre-arrest bail by this Court in the light of order dated 23.1.2018 passed in CRM-M-48551-2017. Present petitioner, who was serving as Assistant Food & Supplies Officer at the relevant point of time, seeks parity of treatment.

Notice of motion, returnable for 21.3.2018.

In the meanwhile, petitioner is directed to join investigation.

In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and he shall remain bound by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Gurinder Singh would apprise the Court that the petitioner has since joined investigation.

It also stands conceded that co-accused Satender Deep Singh and against whom there were similar allegations, has been granted concession of pre-arrest bail by this Court.

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 8.2.2018, 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