

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-9470-2018

Date of decision: 17.04.2018

Gurmeet Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Ashish Grover, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Abhay Pal Singh Gill, AAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail in FIR No.05 dated 16.01.2018 under Sections 420 & 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Nandgarh, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in pursuance of the inquiry (Annexure P-3) conducted by Tehsildar, Bathinda, the petitioner has already deposited the disputed amount of Rs.64,700/-. Counsel for the petitioner further submits that it has come in the report of Tehsildar that the complainant is having a personal grudge and has no interest in receiving the amount of compensation. It is further submitted that the petitioner is in judicial lockup since 30.01.2018 and is no more required for further investigation, as the challan has already been presented. It is also submitted that co-accused of the petitioner namely Jagdev Singh has been granted the concession of interim anticipatory bail vide order dated 08.03.2018 passed in CRM-M-8536-2018 and he has also deposited the amount of Rs.64,700/-. Counsel for the petitioner has

further submitted that the petitioner is not involved in any other case and since the offences are triable by the Court of Magistrate, it will take long time in conclusion of the trial.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from HC Malkiat Singh, has not disputed the factual position.

Without commenting anything on merits of the case, considering the fact that the petitioner is in judicial lockup since 30.01.2018; he is not involved in any other case; his co-accused namely Jagdev Singh has been granted the concession of interim bail; offences are triable by the Court of Magistrate and it will take some time in conclusion of the trial, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on bail subject to furnishing his bail/surety bond to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

Petition is disposed of.

[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No