

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

CRM-M No. 1791 of 2019
Date of decision : February 08, 2019

Naresh Kumar

..... Petitioner

v.

Assistant Director (PMLA), Directorate of Enforcement, GOI, Dehradun

Sub Zonal Office, Dehradun.

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. Maninder Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Sharmila Tagore, Advocate
for the respondent.

Ajay Tewari, J (Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case ECIR No.ECIR/09/DNSZO/PMLA/2013, dated 2.12.2013, registered under Sections 3 & 4 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner had appeared before the Court in response to the summons and cooperated with the investigation. Complaint was filed on 17.7.2018 and he was arrested on 7.12.2018. He has relied upon the Division Bench decision of this Court in Arun Sharma v. Union of India, 2016(3) RCR (Criminal) 883 wherein it was held that in such circumstances where an accused himself appears, he

should normally be released on bail. In the present case, the petitioner has now been in custody for two months.

Counsel for the respondent, on instructions from Vaneet Rathee, Assistant Director, has accepted that the petitioner had appeared before the Court on issuance of summons.

In these circumstances, without commenting upon the merits of the case, and keeping in view the period of custody already suffered by the petitioner, I do not deem it appropriate to deny the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

Petition stands disposed of.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending C.Ms, if any, also stand disposed of.

February 08, 2019
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No