

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

CRM-M-18620-2019

Date of Decision:06.09.2019

Sanjay Kumar Rishi Dev

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Mahesh Dheer, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Bhupinder Beniwal, AAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J.

Petitioner prays for bail in FIR No.143 dated 02.09.2018 registered under Sections 342, 457, 380 and 379-B of the Indian Penal Code at Police Station, Sadar Dhuri.

Allegations are that 290 bags of wheat were stolen away from the Government owned go-down. The statement of Chowkidar was recorded on 25.09.2018 naming the petitioner as well as certain other accused.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that entire stolen articles i.e. 298 bags of wheat have been recovered from Baljit Singh @ Gora and petitioner is in custody since 27.09.2018. He further draws attention of the Court to the fact that earlier similar FIR No.88 dated 26.08.2018 was registered against unknown persons, however, later on Baljit Singh @ Gora and petitioner were implicated in the said FIR. In that case also, recovery is from Baljit Singh @ Gora.

Learned counsel for the State does not dispute these facts. He further submits that investigations are complete and challan has been

presented. He further submits that charges have been framed. He also submits that out of total 19 witnesses, only one witness has been examined.

Without commenting on the merits of the case and keeping in view the aforesaid facts as also conclusion of the trial is likely to take time, it is considered appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

06.09.2019
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No