

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

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CRM-M-28573-2019.

Date of Decision: 28.08.2019.

Amritpal Singh

....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEKHER DHAWAN

Present: Mr. Keshav Pratap Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Sandhu, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Shekher Dhawan, J.

Present petition under Section 439 of the Criminal Procedure Code is for grant of regular bail to petitioner—Amritpal Singh son of Lacchman Singh in case F.I.R. No.44 dated 05.04.2018 under Sections 406, 409, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code and Section 13(1) (D), 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, registered at Police Station Jandiala Guru, District Amritsar.

The petitioner was working as District Food Supply Controller of District Amritsar and the allegations against him are that he had signed and forwarded the report, which was prepared and signed by the subordinate officers, namely, Raminder Singh Bath, Vipin Sharma and Gurjinder Kumar, who have already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 25.02.2019 passed in CRM-M-40117-2018, CRM-M-57342-2018 and CRM-M-4460-2019. Mainly the allegations are against the rice mill's directors who have not been arrested as yet and have been declared proclaimed offenders.

Learned counsel representing petitioner contended that the petitioner is in custody since 26.05.2019 and challan has already been presented in this case; trial of the case still to take some more time and no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner behind the bars, so he be released on bail.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from DSP Iqbal Singh, has affirmed the facts that five directors of the rice mill have not been arrested and they have been declared as proclaimed offenders. Co-accused Raminder Singh Batth, Vipin Sharma and Gurjinder Kumar, who have already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 25.02.2019 passed in CRM-M-40117-2018, CRM-M-57342-2018 and CRM-M-4460-2019.

At this stage, without commenting anything on the merits of the case, which may not cause prejudice to either of the parties at a later stage, but taking the above facts into consideration and the fact the petitioner is in custody since 26.05.2019, co-accused Raminder Singh Batth, Vipin Sharma and Gurjinder Kumar, who have already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 25.02.2019 passed in CRM-M-40117-2018, CRM-M-57342-2018 and CRM-M-4460-2019; trial of the case still to take some more time and no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner behind the bars, the present petition is allowed. Petitioner—Amritpal Singh, is ordered to be admitted to regular bail on his furnishing adequate bail bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned learned trial Judge/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate.

(SHEKHER DHAWAN)
JUDGE

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