

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-28834-2019 (O&M)
Date of decision: 12.09.2019

Rajwinder Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. C.S. Rana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail in FIR No.295 dated 13.09.2018 under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Jodhewal, Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per allegations in the FIR, registered at the instance of one Gurcharan Singh, Assistant Executive Engineer, Commercial, PSPCL, the petitioner was working as Computer Operator and he, in conspiracy with one Gurnam Singh, has received the payment of electricity bills from the victims, but has siphoned off the amount, by depositing the same in account of other consumers of the Electricity Department. It is further alleged that the cheques of the consumers were handed over to Gurnam Singh and he, by giving the same to the petitioner, has committed the fraud, by making wrong entries and adjusted the same in the

account of other consumers of the Electricity Department. It is further submitted that the petitioner is first offender; he is in custody since 06.02.2019; challan stands presented; charges have been framed and the proceedings for declaring as proclaimed offender are pending against co-accused Gurnam Singh, who has not been arrested so far. Learned counsel further submits that as per the challan, there are total 41 prosecution witnesses and it will take long time in conclusion of the trial, it being magisterial trial.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Dharampal, has not disputed the factual position.

Without commenting anything on merits of the case, considering the aforesaid arguments raised by learned counsel for the parties, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail subject to furnishing his bail/surety bond to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

Petition is disposed of.

[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No