

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

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**CRM-M-29530-2019(O&M)
Date of Order:24.09.2019**

VIPUL ANEJA

..Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Harish Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. Bhupender Beniwal, AAG, Punjab
Mr. Dhruv Kapoor, Advocate, for
Mr. Aman Pal, Advocate, for the complainant.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

Petitioner prays for grant of pre-arrest bail in FIR No.66, dated 04.06.2019, registered under Section 408 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, at Police Station Daba, Ludhiana.

Allegations against the petitioner as per the case of the prosecution are that he is Ex. Vice President (Procurement) of the Company and he had purchased fuelwood at inflated rate and therefore, there is misappropriation of a sum Rs.314 Lakh.

After hearing learned counsels for the parties on 16.07.2019, petitioner was directed to join investigation. Thereafter, the Investigating Officer made a request that, although, petitioner has joined the investigation, however, he be directed to once again join the investigation. The petitioner has once again joined investigation on 13.09.2019.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Balwinder Singh, has submitted that the petitioner has joined the investigation, cooperated and not required for further custodial interrogation.

Learned counsel appearing for the first informant opposes the petition for bail on the ground that huge amount is involved and custodial interrogation of the petitioner is necessary in order to dig out the truth. He further submits that there are more than one persons involved in the offence.

This court has considered the submissions, however, find no substance therein.

The Investigating Agency is carrying out the investigation. It is yet to be established that there was over inflation of the invoices for purchase of the fuelwood. All the material documents are in possession of first informant.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts and without commenting on merits, it is considered appropriate to order that the interim protection granted by this Court on 16.07.2019 would continue to operate.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed.

September 24, 2019
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No