

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

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CRR No.2794 of 2019

Date of decision : 24.10.2019

Manohar Lal

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Gaurav Singla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner has challenged the order dated 26.09.2019 of the trial Court to the extent that while granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner, a condition of deposit of 50% of the penalty amount with the Electricity Board has been imposed.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is a small time agriculturist and had rented out a piece of his land to tenants who are alleged to have tampered with the meter and the liability of ₹3,87,099/- has been imposed. He also contends that the financial condition of the petitioner is not good and it would be difficult for him to pay 50% of the liability. He further contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other case.

Issue notice to the respondent.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. D.R. Singla, DAG, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner especially when the petitioner is not involved in any other case, it would be in

the interest of justice,if the petitioner is directed to deposit 30% of the amount instead of 50% as directed by the Additional Sessions Judge, Palwal.

With the aforesaid modification, the petition stands disposed of. However, rest of the terms and conditions of the order dated 26.09.2019 shall remain the same.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

October 24, 2019
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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No