

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

**CRM-M-46860-2019
Date of decision: 07.12.2019**

Sulakhan Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Prateek Pandit, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 265 dated 14.09.2019, registered under Section 7(A) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 at Police Station Kapurthala, District Kapurthala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per the allegations in the FIR, registered at the instance of complainant Baldev Singh, it is stated that his son Kuldeep Singh @ Bainja and daughter-in-law Manjit Kaur are facing trials in cases under the provisions of IPC and NDPS Act and the petitioner, by posing himself to be acquainted with S.S.P., Kapurthala, came to complainant and demanded Rs. 2 Lakh for getting his son and daughter-in-law exonerated. It is further stated in FIR that an amount of Rs. 2 Lakh was paid to the petitioner by the complainant, however, the petitioner could not get his son and daughter-in-law exonerated.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that in fact the son of the complainant is a gangster and involved in number of cases including the cases under the NDPS Act and his daughter-in-law is also involved in other cases.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that investigation is complete; challan stands presented and the petitioner is not involved in any other case.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Surender Singh, has not disputed the fact that son and daughter-in-law of the complainant are involved in number of cases, however, submitted that an amount of Rs. 2 Lakh was recovered from the petitioner after recording his disclosure.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering the fact that investigation is complete; challan stands presented; petitioner is not involved in any other case and also in view of the fact that petitioner is in judicial custody since 15.09.2019 and conclusion of trial is likely to take some time, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

07.12.2019

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No