

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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(1) CRM-M-16616-2020(O&M)
Date of decision : 07.08.2020

PUSHPENDER RAJPUTPetitioner

versus

STATE OF HARYANA ...Respondent

(2) CRM-M-13375-2020(O&M)

LAL SINGHPetitioner

versus

STATE OF HARYANA ...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Amit Choudhary, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-16616-2020

Mr. Kunal Dawar, Advocate,
for the petitioner in CRM-M-13375-2020

Mr. Chetan Sharma, AAG, Haryana

Mr. Ankit Bishnoi, Advocate,
for the first informant.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

By this order, CRM-M-16616-2020 and CRM-M-13375-2020
shall stand disposed of.

In brief, the case of the prosecution has been noticed by the
learned Additional Sessions Judge, Fast Track Court, Faridabad, in
paragraph 2 of the order dated 20.06.2020, which is extracted as under:-

*“The allegation against the applicant are that being
chief Editor of the news portal “Haryana Abtak”
published the news on 4.5.2020 titled as “Teen Maah Ka*

Vetan Nahi Mila, Friends Auto India Limited, Faridabad Ke Malik Chawla Ka Putla Jalayenge Karamchahi". The employees of the said company were not paid their salaries for the last three months by Sarabjeet Singh Chawla, Directors of M/s Friends Auto India Limited. Bonus of the employees even also not paid by the company. The cheques in lieu of the salaries of employees were also bounced. Accused-applicant was arrested on 09.05.2020."

Hearing of the case was held through video conferencing on account of restricted functioning of the Courts.

On one hand, learned counsel for the petitioner while drawing attention of the Court to the non-payment of salary by the first informant-company has submitted that the petitioners have been falsely implicated, whereas on the other hand, learned counsel appearing for the first informant has contended that the petitioners were blackmailing the Director of the company.

The petitioner-Pushpender Rajput is in custody since 09.05.2020, whereas the petitioner-Lal Singh was granted interim bail vide order dated 15.06.2020 passed in CRM-M-13375-2020.

On conclusion of the investigation, the police report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has already been presented before the Court.

Without commenting on the merits of the case and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner-Pushpender Rajput is in custody since 09.05.2020, whereas the petitioner-Lal Singh was granted interim regular bail and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take time, the petitioner-Pushpender Rajput is directed to be released on bail subject to furnishing of adequate surety to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

Whereas interim bail granted to Lal Singh, the petitioner in CRM-M-13375-2020 is made absolute.

Accordingly, both the petitions are allowed with the aforesaid directions.

A photocopy of this order be placed on the other connected file.

August 07, 2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)

JUDGE

: Yes/No

: Yes/No