

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

**CRM-M-22908-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 22.01.2020**

Dhoop Singh Petitioner
Versus

State of Haryana Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN

Present : Mr. Keshav Pratap Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Chetan Sharma, AAG, Haryana.

RAMENDRA JAIN, J. (Oral)

Through instant petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C., prayer has been made for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in a case arising from FIR No.411 dated 28.08.2018, registered under Sections 406, 420, 120-B IPC (Sections 204 IPC, 13(1)(C), (1)(D) and (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 added lateron), at Police Station, Sector 5, Panchkula.

According to prosecution, petitioner Dhoop Singh as Naib Tehsildar in the office of Land Acquisition Collector, after retirement, illegally disbursed compensation to the land owners, though they were not entitled to the same, causing loss of several crores of rupees to the State Exchequer.

Learned counsel contends that petitioner is in custody since 15.10.2018. Co-accused of the petitioner namely Mohinder Singh Sangwan, Land Acquisition Collector has been enlarged on

bail by Coordinate Bench vide order dated 08.05.2019 in CRM-M-4902-2019. The case of the petitioner is on the same footing.

On the other hand, learned State counsel vehemently opposed the grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

Considering overall facts and circumstances, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, treating the case of the petitioner on the same parity as that of his above co-accused, the petition is allowed. Consequently, petitioner Dhoop Singh is ordered to be released on bail during pendency of trial, if not required in any other case, on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

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(RAMENDRA JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No