

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH.

CRM-M-27681 of 2019

Date of decision: February 28, 2020

Ranveer Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK KUMAR VERMA

Present: Mr. G.S. Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Harpreet Multani, AAG, Punjab.

Ashok Kumar Verma, J.

This is a petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail in a case registered against the petitioner under Sections 379 IPC (411, 413, 407, 120-B IPC added later on) at Police Station City, Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran, vide FIR No.26 dated 31.01.2019.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is innocent as he has not been named in the FIR. He further submits that petitioner is in custody since 02.03.2019 and the offence is triable by Magistrate.

On the other hand, learned State counsel has opposed the prayer. According to him, petitioner is the main accused, who stole 960 bags of Basmati Rice (260 quintals) worth Rs.20,64,000/- from the possession of drivers Kulwant Singh and Dalbir Singh after making them unconscious by giving some intoxicant substance. He has further contended that the petitioner voluntarily suffered disclosure statements on 12.2.2019 and 16.2.2019 admitting his guilt regarding stealing and selling the rice bags belonging to the

complainant's firm. He has lastly contended that the petitioner is a habitual offender and several cases of similar nature are already lying registered against him.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and given careful thought to the facts of the case.

According to prosecution, the petitioner has played vital role in stealing and selling rice bags belonging to the complainant's firm having value of Rs.20,64,000/-. He had voluntarily suffered disclosure statements on 12.2.2019 and 16.2.2019, admitting his guilt regarding stealing and selling of rice bags belonging to the complainant's firm in connivance with his companions, which were already recovered by the police of Police Station Karnal City in case FIR No.132 dated 12.2.2019. The case against the accused is further corroborated by recovery of truck bearing registration No.PB-09X-6981 and rice bags of the complainant's firm. Moreover, the petitioner seems to be 'habitual offender' as several other cases of like nature are already lying registered against him.

Having regards to the aforementioned facts and circumstances, nature of allegations levelled against the petitioner, I am of the considered view that petitioner is not entitled to concession of bail.

Dismissed.

(ASHOK KUMAR VERMA)
JUDGE

February 28, 2020
'Rajpal'

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:

Yes / No