

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-1632 of 2021

Date of Decision: 13.01.2021

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

Baljit Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

Central Bureau of Investigation

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present : Mr. Sunny K. Singla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.RCCHG2017A0018 dated 14.09.2017, registered under Sections 420 & Section 120-B of Indian Penal Code and Section 13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, P.S. CBI, ACB, Chandigarh.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the matter has already been investigated and therefore, custodial interrogation of the petitioner in the said case would not be required.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Mr. Rajeev Anand, Advocate, who is present through the medium of video conferencing, accepts notice on behalf the respondent-CBI and vehemently argues that the involvement of the petitioner herein, who is a cashier, should be taken into account. It is further argued that the petitioner herein was responsible for the entire cash

deposits and he had wrongly filled in the deposits/pay in slips maintained in the LIC office as well as the deposit slips sent to the bank.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the pleadings of the case and find that the petitioner herein had joined investigation with the CBI as and when required. Admittedly, the challan has already been presented in Court and the investigation in the said matter is complete.

On the asking of the Court, learned counsel appearing for the CBI informs that the material witnesses would be official and therefore, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner herein would not be in much of a position to influence them. Even if the petitioner makes an attempt to influence the said witnesses, CBI always has the recourse of moving an application for cancellation of bail for violating the terms and conditions of the bail so granted.

Consequently, this petition is disposed of by directing the petitioner herein to put in an appearance before the Special Judge, CBI, Punjab, SAS Nagar, Mohali on the date he has been summoned, on which date, in case he moves an application for bail, he will be admitted to bail, subject to furnishing personal/surety bond to its satisfaction.

13.01.2021

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**(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No