

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-20278-2021 (O&M)  
Date of decision: 02.12.2021

**Darshan Singh**

**... Petitioner**

**Vs.**

**State of Punjab**

**... Respondent**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN**

Present: Mr. Munish Gulati, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

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**ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)**

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail in FIR No.280 dated 10.12.2019 under Section 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station City Moga, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per allegations in the FIR, registered on the basis of some secret information that in Moga, few car dealers like Anu Motors, owned by Prabhjit Singh Dhunna, Sharma Motors, owned by one Ramdev and some other car dealers of Moga, in connivance with officials of SDM-cum-Transport Officer, Tarn Taran, Patti and Khadoor Sahib, are involved in depositing less govt. fee, which is required at the time of registration of cars and by showing duplicate receipts of the fee, they had got no

objection certificate from the concerned officer and in that process, number of vehicles have been registered by paying undervalue fee. It is further submitted that there is no allegation against the petitioner.

Status report by way of affidavit of Senior Superintendent of Police, Moga is on record. In this affidavit, after verifying the facts and giving details of the vehicles, it is stated that during the inquiry, it is found that Prabhjit Singh and Ramdev are doing the business of sale and purchase of cars by bringing it from other States and selling the same in Moga Car Bazar. Some instances of the cars also given and it is stated that the petitioner and his son i.e. Prabhjit Singh are in connivance with Clerks and Data Operators of the Office of SDM-cum-Transport Officer, Tarn Taran, Patti and Khadoor Sahib in doing the aforesaid illegal business.

Learned State counsel submits that though there is no direct evidence against the petitioner, as he has been nominated being father of co-accused Prabhjit Singh, however, the inquiry reveals that he was actively involved. It is further submitted that challan stands presented.

A perusal of the custody certificate dated 02.12.2021, filed in the Court today, shows that the petitioner is in custody for the last 08 months and is involved in one more FIR of similar nature.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, without commenting anything on merits of the case and considering the fact that the petitioner is aged about 54 years and allegation against him is that he was helping his son in doing the aforesaid business of sale and purchase of the vehicles and the offences are triable by the Court of Magistrate, this petition is allowed and the

petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail subject to furnishing his bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

Petition is disposed of.

**[ ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN ]**  
**JUDGE**

02.12.2021  
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No