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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-42552-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 14.10.2021

Ravinder Singh @ Bunty

... Petitioner

Vs.

Central Bureau of Investigation

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Prateek Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sumeet Goel, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. A.K. Ranolia, Advocate
for the respondent-CBI.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail in FIR
No.RC0052021A0016 dated 14.08.2021 under Sections 7 & 12 of Prevention of
Corruption Act and Section 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station CBI, ACB,
Chandigarh.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in

the business of wheat trading for the last 30 years and is purchasing the wheat from FCI through its various centres in Punjab. It is further submitted that the petitioner has no such antecedents of involvement in any criminal case and allegations in the FIR are that he had obtained undue business benefits from FCI by manipulating the process of procurement of e-auction of foodgrains, in conspiracy with Gagan Negi, who was Area Manager, FCI, Chandigarh Branch. It is further argued that the entire transactions and allocations are made online by the FCI and there is no possibility for a person, who is not an official of FCI, to tamper or manipulate e-auction process in any manner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that Gagan Negi is also arrested and primary allegations against the petitioner are of conspiracy.

Learned senior counsel for the respondent-CBI has submitted that the allegations against the petitioner and co-accused are serious in nature and in case, the petitioner is released on bail, there is every likelihood that he may try to influence the witness or tamper with the prosecution evidence. It is further submitted that challan qua the petitioner stands presented before the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate on 12.10.2021, however, the investigation qua other accused persons is still going on.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, without commenting anything on merits of the case and considering the allegations against the petitioner; his antecedents and the fact that there is tampering with e-auction process at the hands of FCI officials, this petition is allowed and the petitioner

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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**

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No