

2023:PHHC:079312
CRM-M-26861 of 2023 [1]

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-26861 of 2023
Date of decision: 31st May, 2023

Amarjeet Singh

Petitioner

v.

State of Haryana

Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. Bhavdeep Singh Mamli, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Anant Kataria, DAG, Haryana.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

1. This is second petition seeking regular bail in FIR No. 590 dated 2.11.2020, under Sections 420, 204, 186, 201, 120-B IPC and Sections 7,7-A, 8 and 13(1)(B) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 registered at Police Station Sadar Thanesar, District Kurukshetra.
2. The earlier petition was withdrawn on 29.9.2021.
3. The brief facts are that a secret information was received that owners of certain vehicles were passing overloaded vehicles after getting information about checking officers like Regional Transport Authority (RTA), SDM and Sales Tax Authority. A WhatsApp Group was being run in each District on which the information was forwarded. Acting on the information, Jaspreet Singh @ Jas was apprehended. As per case set up Jaspreet Singh @ Jas was an employee of Amarjeet (petitioner) getting salary of Rs.10,000/- per month. He used to collect the information and forward it to the petitioner.
4. Parveen, the Chowkidar in Market Committee was apprehended and the allegations are that he was passing the information regarding the movement of the officials.
5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody for more than nine months; there is no decent progress in the

trial; the petitioner is not involved in any other case and no recovery is to be made from him. He further submits that co-accused were granted bail by this court.

6. Learned counsel for the State has produced the custody certificate dated 30.5.2023, total custody of the petitioner is nine months and twenty days. He on instructions from Ramdutt, HPS, DSP Crime submits that out of thirteen prosecution witnesses only two have been examined and the petitioner is not involved in any other case.

7. Investigation in the present case is complete. No recovery is to be made from the petitioner. The petitioner is in custody for more than nine months. Conclusion of trial is likely to take time. Co-accused have already been granted bail. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars. The petitioner is granted bail on furnishing surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

8. The petition is allowed.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]

JUDGE

31st May, 2023
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1. Whether speaking/ reasoned

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Yes / No
2. Whether reportable

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Yes / No