

2024:PHHC:079903



S. No.102

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-29760 of 2024

Date of Decision:13.06.2024

Manpreet Kumar

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J. (Oral)

By way of present petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., petitioner prays for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.53 dated 18.04.2024 registered under Section 408 of IPC, and Section 201 of IPC added later on, at Police Station Moti Nagar, District Ludhiana.

2. FIR was lodged on the complaint of Sarabjit Singh, whose father is running Transport Office in the name and style of “*New Kuldeep Goods Carrier*” at Ludhiana.

3. Allegations are that on 30.03.2024, the material – Saria (Iron Bars) of Jindal Steel and Power Limited Transport were loaded by their transport in 5 hired Trallas and they moved to NCC Constructions Avantipur (Srinagar). Each Tralla carried 40 tons of the material. The drivers of the 5 Trallas included the present petitioner. It is alleged that on 10.04.2024, complainant received information from Avantipur (Srinagar) that 4 tons of material/ Saria each, was found less in all the five trallas and that drivers had fled away after leaving the vehicles outside



their company. FIR was registered and two of the drivers, namely, Thakur Dass and Bikramjit Singh were arrested. Their disclosure statement was also recorded.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated at the instance of the complainant in order to blackmail him.

5. Notice of motion.

6. Mr. Somesh Arora, learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent- State.

7. Learned State Counsel has opposed the bail petition submitting that petitioner is one of the main conspirator and that recovery is to be effected from him.

8. After hearing both the sides, this Court is not convinced with the contentions raised by learned counsel for the petitioner. Interrogation of the petitioner may be required to effect the recovery.

9. Dismissed.

June 13, 2024
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(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No