



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

CRM-M No.36685 of 2024
Date of decision: 31st July, 2024

Mahesh Chand Rathor

... Petitioner

Versus

Central Bureau of Investigation

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Sushil K. Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is praying for reduction in the amount of bail bonds as well as the sureties imposed by the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, CBI, Punjab SAS Nagar while granting regular bail to the petitioner vide order dated 17.07.2024 in case FIR No.RC005202020A0011/CBI/ACB/ Chandigarh dated 08.07.2020 under Sections 120-B, 403, 406, 420 IPC and Section 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia submits that the petitioner is merely an employee of a Company providing collateral management and warehousing services to its clients. It has been further submitted that the condition imposed by the Court of learned Special Judge, CBI, while granting the concession of regular bail to the petitioner, in the form of furnishing bail bonds in the sum of ₹50.00 lacs is exorbitant and much beyond his means. A prayer has, therefore, been made to take a lenient view and reduce the amount of bail bonds as well as the sureties imposed by the Court.



3. Notice of motion.
4. Mr. Ravi Kamal Gupta, Spl. Public Prosecutor for the CBI who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent.
5. After hearing learned counsel for the parties and perusing the relevant material on record, this Court deems it fit to reduce the amount of bail bonds from ₹50.00 lacs to ₹30.00 lacs. Rest of the conditions imposed by the Court of learned Special Judge, CBI Punjab, SAS Nagar vide order dated 17.07.2024 shall remain the same.
6. With these modifications in the impugned order, the instant petition stands disposed of.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

July 31, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No