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

CRM-M-45174-2024**Date of Decision: 11.11.2024**

Saranjit Singh

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Haryana

...Respondent

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

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

Mr. Rajinder Kumar Banku, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the instant petition under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 with a prayer to grant regular bail in case FIR No.15 dated 16.07.2024 registered under Sections 308(2) of BNS and Section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Sections 13(1)(b) read with Section 13(2) PC Act, 1988 and Section 61(2) of BNS, 2023 added later on), at Police Station ACB, Ambala, District Anti-Corruption Bureau, Haryana.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has not been named in the FIR nor any allegations have been levelled against him. He further contends that as per allegations, an amount of Rs.20,000/- was accepted by Harwinder, co-accused and there is not even a vague allegation that the petitioner had accepted any bribe from any one. The petitioner was arrested in the present case on 16.07.2024 and after completion of investigation, challan has already been presented against him. He further contends that the petitioner is the first offender and the trial is not likely to conclude in near future.



3. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that serious allegations have been levelled against the present petitioner and he does not deserve the concession of bail by this Court.

4. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

5. It is not in dispute that the petitioner was not initially named in the FIR and the amount of Rs. 20,000/- was recovered from Harwinder, co-accused and Harwinder, co-accused is still in custody. The petitioner is continuing in custody for the last more than four months and the challan has already been presented against him. Thus, no purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars.

6. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate, concerned.

11.11.2024.
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No