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Harvarinder Singh Vs. State of Punjab

Present: Mr. Shakti Mehta, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

The petitioner(s) seek grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered vide FIR No.0020, dated 22.8.2022 at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, Patiala Range, District Patiala, under Sections 409, 420, 120-B of Indian Penal Code and Sections 13(1)(a) read with Section 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

The allegations, in nutshell, are that the petitioners, who were employed as Inspectors in Food and Civil Supplies Department, Punjab in connivance with other officials and depot holders had siphoned off wheat and had not been maintaining proper record and had thus caused huge loss to the department somewhere to the tune of Rs.4 crores approximately.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that several other identically situated co-accused, who were also employed as Inspectors, have already been extended the concession of anticipatory bail vide common order dated 18.5.2023 passed in CRM-M-9291-2023 and common order dated 6.2.2023 passed in CRM-M-54759-2022.

Notice of motion for 18.9.2023.

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest, the petitioner(s) be released on interim bail subject to their furnishing personal bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner(s) shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

A copy of this order be placed on the file of connected case.

22.5.2023
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(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge