

Sr. No.224

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

CRM No. M- 12869 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of Decision:24.04.2017

Vinod Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. A.A. Pathak, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. P.S. Grewal, DAG, Punjab.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail pending trial in FIR No.3 dated 21.02.2017 under Section 13(2) PC Act, registered at P.S. Vigilance Bureau, District Jalandhar.

Counsel at the very outset brings to the notice of the Court that on account of in-adherent typographical error, Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act has not been mentioned in the head note as also the prayer Clause. He prays that the claim for bail be considered even in offence under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act. Prayer is accepted.

Counsel for the parties have been heard.

FIR came to be registered on the complaint of Gurdeep Singh. Allegations are that the present petitioner while acting as Halka Patwari, had made a demand of ₹10,000/- as illegal gratification to sanction the mutation. Deal was struck at ₹8,000/-,

but before giving the bribe, the complainant has reported the matter with Vigilance Bureau, Nawanshahr and whereupon a trap was laid. Petitioner is alleged to have been caught red handed and arrested on 21.02.2017.

Investigation in the case is complete and the challan already stands presented on 21.04.2017.

The trial is at the very initial stage.

It is not the case made out on behalf of the State that if benefit of bail is granted to the petitioner he would be in a position to hamper the course of a free and fair trial.

Without making any observation on merits, prayer made in the petition, is accepted.

Petition is allowed. Petitioner be enlarged on bail subject to satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, S.B.S. Nagar.

Disposed of.

24.04.2017

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	:	<i>No</i>