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

CRM-M-23329 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of decision: July 13, 2017

Ashok Kumar

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.B. CHAUDHARI

Present: Mr. A.P.S. Shergill, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Chetan Sharma, AAG Haryana.

A.B. CHAUDHARI, J (Oral)

Heard learned counsel for the rival parties.

Petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in FIR No.0049 dated 05.02.2015, under Sections 7, 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, registered at Police Station Indri, District Karnal, Haryana. The petitioner was arrested on 09.05.2017 and is in jail since then.

Admittedly, challan has been filed. The trial will take its own time. Looking to the nature of offence committed by the petitioner, it would be appropriate to release him on bail.

In that view of the matter, this petition is allowed. Petitioner shall be released on bail subject to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned. Petitioner shall not tamper, influence and threaten the prosecution witnesses and complainant as well.

**(A.B. CHAUDHARI)
JUDGE**

July 13, 2017

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Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No