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

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Date of Decision: 19.12.2018

Ravinder Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. R.S.Randhawa, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

INDERJIT SINGH, J.

Petitioner has filed this second petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.02 dated 20.02.2018, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, Phase-I, Mohali, District SAS Nagar, Punjab, under Sections 409, 420, 465, 467, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code and Section 13 (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

Notice of motion was issued. Learned State counsel has appeared and contested the instant petition.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel and gone through the record.

From the record, I find that as per the allegations in the FIR, 36 acres land of Gram Panchayat, Jheorheri has been acquired for the

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purpose of expansion of Airport, Chandigarh and amount of compensation was deposited. As per the allegations in the FIR, the Gram Panchayat passed resolution and purchased the land by showing it on higher prices and a fraud of more than ₹13 crores was committed. The present petitioner was posted as Panchayat Secretary at that time.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that B.D.P.O, Sarpanch and other privates persons have been granted the benefit of bail by the Coordinate Benches of this Court.

The petitioner has been in custody since 20.02.2018. He is not required for any investigation or interrogation purposes as he is in judicial custody. The trial of case may take a long time. No useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner in custody till the final disposal of the case.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case; without discussing the facts in minute detail; without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and on the ground of parity also, this criminal miscellaneous petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing personal bonds in the sum of ₹50,000/- with one surety in the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

19.12.2018

parveen kumar

**(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes
Whether reportable	:	No