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

**CRM-M No.256 of 2020
Date of Decision: 31.01.2020**

**Kuldip Singh
Vs**

.....Petitioner

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH*

Present: Mr. Harshit Anand, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Sandhu, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

Petitioner seeks grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case bearing FIR No.17 dated 23.10.2019 registered under Section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act and Section 420 IPC at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the son of the complainant was involved in a criminal case. Petitioner remained Investigating Officer of the case from 10.03.2019 till 20.07.2019. On 24.07.2019, the petitioner was sent to Phillaur for training. On 03.09.2019, name of the son of the complainant was deleted from the array of accused by ASI Rajinder Kumar. On 21.10.2019, the petitioner as well as Rajinder Kumar

allegedly made a demand of Rs.50,000/- from the complainant. A trap was laid and recovery was effected from ASI Rajinder Kumar on 23.10.2019.

It is not in dispute that Rajinder Kumar has been granted regular bail by the Special Judge on 18.11.2019.

These factual details have not been disputed by learned State Counsel on instructions from Inspector Shamsheer Singh.

The role of the petitioner would be arguable viz-a-viz role of Rajinder Kumar who has since been granted regular bail by the Special Judge, Gurdaspur. Challan has not been presented so far. Petitioner is in custody since 13.12.2019.

In view of above, without meaning anything on merits of the case, petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Amritsar.

Nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of any opinion on merits of the case.

31.01.2020

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**(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No