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

**CRM-M No.2416 of 2020
Date of Decision: 24.02.2020**

Suresh Kumar

.....Petitioner

Vs

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

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

Present: Mr. Vivek Lamba, Advocate and
Ms. Chetna Rao, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Anmol Malik, AAG, Haryana.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

Petitioner seeks grant of regular bail under Section 439
Cr.P.C in case bearing FIR No.0017 dated 14.11.2019
registered under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act at
Police Station SVB Karnal.

Petitioner is a Halqa Kanungo. The allegations are that
the complainant and his uncle got their land partitioned. An

application was moved to the petitioner to make a report regarding possession on 13.11.2019. Petitioner came to the village of the complainant for the purpose of demarcating the street. Petitioner allegedly demanded an amount of Rs.15,000/- and an amount of Rs.5000/- was paid. Complainant did not want to pay the remaining amount and on his statement, a raid was conducted. Five currency notes of the denomination of Rs.2000/- were handed over to the complainant. The recovery of tainted money on both the occasions has been alleged against the petitioner at the time of raid.

Learned State counsel on instructions from Inspector Baljeet Singh states that the petitioner is in custody since 14.11.2019 and prosecution evidence is in progress.

The challan has already been presented. Charges have been framed. Out of total 18 prosecution witnesses, 7 witnesses have been examined. Petitioner is in judicial custody. The trial of the case may take some time in its culmination.

Keeping in view the custody of the petitioner, at this stage, without forming any opinion on merits of the case, the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

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

24.02.2020

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(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No