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

**CRM-M No.51979 of 2019
Date of Decision: 04.03.2020**

Manjinder Singh

.....Petitioner

Vs

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

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

Present: Mr. Anmol Rattan Sidhu, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Pratham Sethi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. J.S. Ghumman, DAG, Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

Petitioner seeks grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C in his second attempt in case bearing FIR No.76 dated 11.04.2019 registered under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act (Sections 409, 120-B IPC added later on) at Police Station Ajnala, District Amritsar.

FIR No.56 dated 15.03.2019 under Sections 22, 25, 27 of the NDPS Act was registered against the brother of the complainant namely Deepak Kumar. Deepak Kumar was arrested in that case. The allegations are that the present

petitioner came to the house of the complainant on 15.03.2019 and offered his help provided an amount of Rs.10 lacs is paid to him. An amount of Rs.7 lacs is alleged to have been paid to the petitioner. The further allegations are that the police has recovered an amount of Rs.5 lacs from the house of the petitioner. The mode of alleged payment is stated to be in cash.

Challan has been presented. Charges have been framed. Out of total 22 prosecution witnesses, none of the witness has been examined so far. Petitioner is in custody since 11.04.2019.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Jasbir Singh states that an amount of Rs.5 lacs has been recovered in the presence of Tehsildar from the residential quarter of the petitioner.

In view of facts and circumstances of the case, it would be debatable as to whether the recovery of Rs.5 lacs is tainted money out of the total amount of Rs.7 lacs allegedly received by the petitioner from the complainant. Petitioner is in custody since 11.04.2019. The trial of the case may take some time in its culmination.

In view of the above, without adverting to the merits of the case, it will be just and expedient to grant benefit of regular

bail to the petitioner.

Let the petitioner be enlarged 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.

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**(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No