

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

CRM-M-46979-2021
Date of Decision: 15th November, 2021

Satbir Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present : Mr. Parveen Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Geeta Sharma, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana
for the respondent-State.

AVNEESH JHINGAN , J.(Oral)

1. This petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is filed seeking regular bail in FIR No.8, dated 10.08.2021, under Sections 7, 7-A, 13(1) (b), 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and under Section 120-B of IPC, 1860, registered at Police Station State Vigilance Bureau, Karnal.

2. The FIR was registered on the basis of a complaint made by Sukhbir Singh. The allegations are that Salma Rani posted as Halka Patwari demanded Rs.5,000/- to submit a spot inspection report of the land of the complainant. On a complaint, a trap was laid. A currency notes laced with phenolphalein powder were handed over to Satbir Singh-petitioner. Ram Mehar Kanungo was accompanying Satbir Singh.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is not a Government employee. He had not made any demand of illegal gratification, petitioner had no power to issue demarcation report. Investigation is complete. He further relies upon the fact that Kanungo-

Ram Mehar and Salma Rani were granted bail by this Court.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for grant of regular bail. She submits that petitioner was the person who accepted the money on behalf of Salma Rani.
5. There is no dispute that petitioner is not a employee in the Revenue Department. He had no authority to issue the demarcation report for which allegedly money was demanded. Co-accused were granted bail by this Court, conclusion of the trial is likely to take time, petitioner is granted bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.
6. The petition is allowed.
7. It is clarified that observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

15th November, 2021
Parveen Sharma

Whether reasoned/speaking	Yes/No
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>