

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

CRM-M-55611-2019

DECIDED ON: 5th JULY, 2021

HARJINDER SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Tejwinder Singh Hundal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

This petition is filed for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 23, dated 27.11.2019 under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau Range Jalandhar, District Jallandar.

This Court vide order dated 26th December, 2019 granted the interim bail subject to joining investigation. The order is reproduced below:-

“ Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been indicted in the FIR on the basis of a video clip whereby he was shown to have received Rs. 1,000/- from complainant-Rahul Bhatia, when he met him to obtain his signature on the certificate. He submits that there is no allegation of demand and acceptance and therefore the alleged offence may not be made out, particularly when the FIR is based on the extra judicial confession of the petitioner.

Notice of motion for 12.05.2020.

Meanwhile, the petitioner shall join the investigation

and would come present as and when called for and in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Learned State counsel, on instructions from Inspector Chamkaur Singh, submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

As no custodial interrogation is needed, the interim bail granted on 26th December, 2019 is made absolute.

Disposed of accordingly.

5th JULY, 2021
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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

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