

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

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CRM-M-7692 of 2022 (O&M)

DECIDED ON:28th July, 2022

Lal Bahadur

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Haryana

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Anmol Rattan Sidhu, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Mandeep Singla, Advocate for petitioner.

Ms. Geeta Sharma, DAG Haryana.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

Petitioner is seeking regular bail in case of FIR No.11 dated 6.12.2021, under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, registered at Police Station SVB Hisar, District State Vigilance Bureau.

As per the case set up petitioner-Lal Bahadur demanded Rs.2000/- to record the jamabandi. On a complaint, trap was laid and the petitioner was caught red handed accepting Rs.1000/-.

Learned Senior counsel appearing for petitioner submits that it is a case of false implication. There is no evidence that illegal gratification was demanded by the petitioner. Further it is submitted that the petitioner is in custody since 6.12.2021, investigation is complete and the petitioner is not involved in any other case.

Learned State counsel opposes the prayer and submits that the petitioner was caught red handed.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering the custody period and the fact that though investigation is complete, conclusion of trial is likely to take time, the petitioner has no criminal antecedents, bail is granted to the petitioner on furnishing surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

The petition is allowed.

It is clarified that the observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending application, if any is rendered infructuous.

28th July, 2022

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**(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes/No*

Whether reportable *Yes/No*