

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-8248 of 2022

Date of Decision: 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

Sushil Kumar

Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN**

Present: Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.  
Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

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**AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):**

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No. 15 dated 3.7.2021, under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Amended Act, 2018) and Sections 420/465/466/467/468/471 IPC, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau Range, Amritsar.

The allegations are that the petitioner was the Panchayat Secretary and he demanded Rs.10,000/- for providing copy of resolution. He was caught red handed while accepting Rs.5,000/-.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 3.7.2021 and investigation is complete. He on instructions further submits that the petitioner is ready to give specimen signatures and voice sample.

Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for grant of bail. He submits that the incident is duly supported by a video recording. He further submits that the petitioner was caught red handed while accepting illegal gratification.

The observations made hereinafter are for the purpose of deciding the regular bail and shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

*Albeit* the investigation is complete, conclusion of trial is likely to take time and the petitioner volunteers to give voice sample and

specimen signatures on the date fixed before the trial court or on any other date thereafter fixed by the court. Having conspectus of the facts, no useful purpose would be served by depriving personal liberty of the petitioner. The petitioner is granted bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

The petition is allowed.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]  
JUDGE

19<sup>th</sup> April, 2022  
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| 1. Whether speaking/ reasoned | : | Yes / No |
| 2. Whether reportable         | : | Yes / No |