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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-9045-2021  
Date of decision: 19.09.2022

BALJINDER KUMAR

...Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. O. P. Kamboj, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rohit Bansal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

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**JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)**

This is the second petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.0018 dated 11.11.2020, under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Amended in 2018), registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, Range Ferozepur, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner herein would contend that the petitioner was arrested on 11.11.2020 in the aforesaid FIR with alleged recovery of Rs.2,500/- and has been on interim bail on account of COVID-19 pandemic situation. He would argue that the matter already stands investigated; challan presented and the trial is in progress and, therefore, his custody would no longer be required.

Learned State counsel would oppose the grant of bail to the petitioner herein but does not dispute the factual position.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have also perused the case file.

Without commenting on the merits of the case and keeping in view the fact that the matter already stands investigated; challan presented and the charge stands framed, the custody of the petitioner herein would no longer be required. The instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court.

Anything observed or said by this Court in this order is only for the purpose of deciding the instant petition and the same shall have no effect on the merits of the case.

**19.09.2022**  
Chetan Thakur

**(JAISHREE THAKUR)**  
**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No