

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

CRM-M-24083-2022

Date of Decision: 8th September, 2022

Chimman Lal

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present : Mr. Gautam Dutt, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Gurmeet Singh, AAG, Haryana.
Mr. Keshav Pratap Singh, Advocate for the complainant.

AVNEESH JHINGAN , J.(Oral)

1. This petition is filed seeking regular bail in case of FIR No. 10, dated 7th March, 2022, under Sections 7, 13(1)(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, registered at Police Station SVB, Faridabad.
2. As per the case set up, the petitioner demanded bribe of Rs. 10,00,000/- for sanctioning a site plan. The deal was struck for Rs.5,00,000/-. He was caught red handed accepting the amount. Complainant provided an audio recording supporting the allegations against the petitioner.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is in custody since 7th March, 2022. Investigation is complete and petitioner volunteers to give his voice sample. He further submits that petitioner is not involved in any other case.
4. Learned State counsel on instructions from Inspector Raj Kumar submits that there is audio recording supporting the allegations and there would be an endeavour by the petitioner to delay the voice sample.

5. Though the complainant has not been impleaded as party Mr. Keshav Pratap Singh, Advocate appears on behalf of the complainant and opposes the prayer for grant of bail.
6. Learned counsel for the petitioner at this stage submits that petitioner shall make himself available for giving his voice samples within 48 hours on receiving the notice.
7. Learned State counsel submits that the date is fixed for taking voice sample is 13th September, 2022.
8. Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering the custody period, though the investigation is complete conclusion of the trial is likely to take time, petitioner is granted regular bail on furnishing surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned, subject to giving his voice sample and making himself available for giving voice sample on 13th September, 2022 and thereafter as and when required
9. The petition is allowed.
10. It is clarified that the observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

8th September, 2022

Parveen Sharma

Whether reasoned/speaking
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No