

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

**CRM-M-24751-2022**

**Date of Decision: 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2022**

Angrej Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

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

Present : Mr. Nagar Singh, Advocate for  
Mr. R.S. Rangpuri, Advocate for the petitioner.  
Mr. A.P.S. Tung, DAG, Punjab.

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

1. Petitioner is seeking regular bail in case of FIR No.2, dated 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2022, under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (for short 'the Act') as amended by Prevention of Corruption Act, 2018, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, Bathinda, District Bathinda.

2. As per the case set up, petitioner while posted as ASI received a bribe of Rs.7,000/- from the accused in FIR No. 48, dated 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021, under Sections 452, 341, 323, 506, 427 read with Section 34 of IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Sri Muktsar Sahib. There was further demand of illegal gratification for release of Alto car on superdari. The allegations were supported by an audio recording.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is in custody since 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2022, complainant has been examined and no recovery is to be made.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Lakhwinder Singh opposes the prayer for grant of bail and submits that official position was misused, however, on instructions is not disputing the fact that complainant has been examined on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2022.

5. Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering that though the investigation is complete conclusion of the trial is likely to take time, petitioner has no criminal antecedents, he is granted bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.
6. The petition is allowed.
7. It is clarified that observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN )  
JUDGE

12<sup>th</sup> October, 2022  
*Parveen Sharma*

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| Whether reasoned/speaking | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes/No |