

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

CRM-M-26588-2022

Date of Decision: 4th July, 2022

Shiv

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present : Mr. M.L. Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Dimple Jain, AAG, Haryana.

AVNEESH JHINGAN , J.(Oral)

1. The prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail in case of FIR No. 14, dated 19th April, 2022, under Sections 7 and 7A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, registered at Police Station SVB, Faridabad.

2. As per the allegations in the FIR, Babita asked the complainant to pay illegal gratification to Shiv. On a complaint, a trap was laid and Shiv Kumar-petitioner was caught red handed. The complainant relied upon an audio recording to support the allegations.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per the case set up, petitioner had not demanded the illegal gratification. Petitioner is in custody since 19th April, 2022. Investigation is complete. Petitioner is not involved in any other case. He further relies upon the fact that the co-accused was granted anticipatory bail by this Court.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for grant of regular bail and submits that the petitioner was caught red handed accepting the money.

5. Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering the nature of the allegations against the petitioner, petitioner has no criminal antecedents and the fact that though the investigation is complete, conclusion of the trial is likely to take time, the petitioner 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

4th July, 2022
Parveen Sharma

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