

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

CRM-M-26670 of 2022 (O&M)

DECIDED ON:15th July, 2022

Deepak Kinger

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Haryana

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. R.S. Rai, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Karan Pathak, Advocate and
Ms. Eknoor Kaur Sara, Advocate for petitioner.

Ms. Dimple Jain, AAG Haryana.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

Petitioner is seeking regular bail in case of FIR No.150 dated 14.3.2022, under Sections 7, 7A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (for short 'the Act') (Challan presented under Sections: 7, 8, 13 of the Act), registered at Police Station Karnal Civil Lines, District Karnal.

As per the case set up, an information was received of prevalent corruption in the office of Municipal Corporation, Karnal. The petitioner was looking after the work of Municipal Corporation as well as the Smart City Project and he was allegedly accepting bribe from the contractors. CCTV footage and audio recording of the devices installed in the office were taken in possession. Approximately Rs. 17,00,000/- was recovered at the instance of petitioner.

Learned Senior counsel submits that the petitioner is in custody since 24.3.2022, no further recovery is to be made, it is a case of false implication the petitioner was the complainant for lodging the FIR. Reliance is placed on the order whereby the co-accused was granted bail.

Learned State counsel on instructions opposes the prayer and submits that at the instance of petitioner Rs.17 lakh were recovered.

Without commenting upon the merits of case, having conspectus of the fact and that though investigation is complete conclusion of trial is likely to take time, further that the co-accused was granted bail by this Court, bail is granted to the petitioner on furnishing surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

The petition is allowed.

It is clarified that the observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending application, if any is rendered infructuous.

15th July, 2022

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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>