

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

CRM-M-26810 of 2022 (O&M)

DECIDED ON:15th July, 2022

Dharamveer Singh

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Raman Goklaney, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

Petitioner is seeking regular bail in case of FIR No.5 dated 29.4.2022, under Section 7 of the PC Act, 1988 as amended by PC Amendment Act, 2018, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau Range Ferozepur.

As per the case set up, the petitioner was working as Account Clerk in the Hospital and he demanded illegal gratification for clearing the bills of the Canteen Contractor. He was caught red handed accepting Rs.25,000/-.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 29.4.2022. He has given the voice sample. The allegations are supported by an audio recording. Investigation is complete and challan stands presented. Petitioner is not involved in any other case.

Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for bail.

Without commenting upon the merits of case, having conspectus of the fact, no recovery is to be made and that though investigation is complete conclusion of trial is likely to take time, 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>