

**210-2 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-36638-2021

Decided on: 10th March, 2022

Bunty Kamboj

Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. Gurinder Pal Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Dimple Jain, AAG, Haryana.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

1. This petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is filed seeking regular bail in FIR No. 137, dated 7th March, 2021, under Sections 408, 409, 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B IPC and Sections 7 and 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, registered at Police Station Indri, District Karnal, Haryana.
2. On receiving of investigation report of Detective Staff, Karnal, the present FIR was registered. As per the case set up, the private individuals in connivance with the officials of SDM office, were getting vehicles purchased in auction registered as a new vehicle, thereby extending the road worthiness of the vehicle. The role attributed to the petitioner is that he is Data Entry Operator in the SDM office and he was the person who entered the details of the vehicle in the system.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is in custody since 30th May, 2021, investigation is complete, challan stands

presented and no further recovery is to be made. He submits that the case is based upon the documentary evidence. The contention is that co-accused in other FIRs having similar allegations were granted bail by this Court.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for grant of regular bail and submits that petitioner in connivance with the government officials got the vehicles registered on the basis of forged documents. Contention is that petitioner is involved in two more FIRs with the similar allegations.

5. The case is *prima facie* based upon documentary evidence. Considering the custody period, the facts that investigation is complete, co-accused were granted bail by this Court, challan stands presented but conclusion of trial is likely to take time, the petitioner is granted regular bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

6. The petition is allowed.

7. It is clarified that nothing stated hereinabove shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE

10th March, 2022

Parveen Sharma

1. Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes /No
2. Whether reportable	:	Yes /No