

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

CRM-M-34106-2022

Date of Decision: 24th November, 2022

Subhash

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present : Mr. Pankaj Bali, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Geeta Sharma, DAG, Haryana.

AVNEESH JHINGAN , J.(Oral)

1. This petition is filed seeking regular bail in case of FIR No. 315, dated 11th August, 2021, under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 406, 120-B and 506 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 7 and 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 added later on, registered at Police Station Kunjpura, Karnal.

2. The relevant facts are that Istikar moved a complaint. It was alleged that the accused in connivance with each other had shown the co-accused as a cultivator in Khasra Girdawari. The role attributed to the petitioner is that he was posted as Halka Patwari. As per the prosecution version the rapat on the basis of which revenue entries were made is not available.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is in custody since March, 2022 and challan stands presented. The contention is that co-accused was granted bail by this Court. Further that Civil suit for correction of revenue is pending. Petitioner has already given the specimen of his handwriting.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for grant of regular bail and submits that petitioner is involved in two more FIRs.
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, no recovery is to be made from the petitioner, being a government official there is *prima facie* no chances of his absconding and the case is based upon documentary evidence, 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

24th November, 2022
Parveen Sharma

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