

CRM-M-47666 of 2021

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 14th March, 2022

Gurgant Singh

Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. P. S. Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No. 137 dated 25.6.2022, under Section 13(1)(A) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Amended Act, 2018) (for short, 'the Act'), registered at Police Station City-I, Abohar.

Mandeep Singh made an allegation that petitioner-Gurgant Singh ostensibly received Rs.3,71,000/- on the pretext that he is having good relations with Inspector-Tajender Pal Singh and he can manage cancellation of the FIR registered against the complainant.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that co-accused Tajender Singh has been found innocent in an enquiry held by DIG, Vigilance Bureau. The petitioner is in custody since 20.6.2021, no recovery is to be made and the petitioner is not involved in any another case. He further argues that in view of the subsequent developments, no offence under the Act is made out against the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from Inspector-Satprem Singh opposes the prayer for grant of bail. However, relying upon the pleadings of the status report dated 19.2.2022, he submits that Inspector-Tajender Pal Singh was found innocent and his discharge is recommended.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, having conspectus of the facts, custody period of the petitioner and that he is not having any criminal antecedents, the petitioner is granted bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

The petition is allowed.

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

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	2. Whether reportable	:	Yes /No