

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

CRM-M-53217 of 2021 (O&M)

DECIDED ON: 24th March, 2022

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.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Haryana

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. S.R. Hooda, Advocate for petitioner.

Ms. Tanushree Gupta, DAG Haryana.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

Petitioner is seeking regular bail in case of FIR No. 76 dated 3.3.2020, under Section 420, 468, 464, 465, 471, 193, 120-B IPC, 1860 and Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, registered at Police Station Rai, District Sonapat.

The FIR was registered stating that accused in connivance with Insurance Company officials and Doctors were getting the life insurance claim of Cancer Patient by changing the cause of death to a road side accident.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 10.7.2021. The allegations are that he was in constant contact with the accused-Pawan Bhorla. He was named in the disclosure statement of Chand that he alongwith co-accused Rakesh actively participated for procuring the insurance cover and getting the claim. Submission is that investigation is complete and challan stands presented, the petitioner is not involved in any other case.

Learned State counsel opposes the prayer and submits that there was big scam where frivolous insurance claims were being claimed by colouring the death due to Cancer in a road side accident.

The name of the petitioner surfaced in a disclosure statement, co-accused were granted bail by this Court, investigation is complete, he has no criminal antecedents and 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.

24th March, 2022

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**(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes*

Whether reportable *No*