

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

CRM-M-121 of 2022

DECIDED ON: 12th January, 2022

Amar Singh

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Haryana

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Ashit Malik, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Karan Sharma, DAG Haryana

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

Due to COVID-19 situation, the Court is convened through video conference.

This petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is filed seeking regular bail in case of FIR No.487 dated 25.6.2021, under Sections 406, 409, 420, 467, 468, 471, 419, 120-B IPC, 1860 and under Sections 7, 13(1)(d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, registered at Police Station Camp Palwal, District Palwal.

The brief facts are that FIR was registered on a complaint that accused in connivance, on gaining the knowledge that the land in question was being acquired for railway project, in order to avail benefit of getting government job along with the compensation for the acquired land indulged in transferring or selling of land.

The role attributed to the petitioner is that he purchased the land in question and sold it to other co-accused, so that they can avail benefit as per the acquisition policy.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the case is based upon the documentary evidence, investigation is complete and challan stands presented. No recovery is to be made from petitioner, he is in custody since 30.9.2021, he has no criminal antecedents and no benefit ultimately accrued to the petitioner.

Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for grant of bail and submits that there are serious allegations that he tried to hood wink the authorities and take undue benefits of his official position.

The allegations are that in order to avail benefit of getting a government job as per the policy of acquisition, petitioner manipulated purchase of share of land before the acquisition was notified and sold it to various persons. Primarily the case is based upon documentary evidence, no recovery is to be made from him, co-accused have been granted bail and conclusion of trial is likely to take time, the petitioner is granted bail 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.

12th January, 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>