

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

CRM-M-52453-2022

Date of Decision: 8th December, 2022

Ramesh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. Suneel Ranga, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Geeta Sharma, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana.

AVNEESH JHINGAN , J.(Oral)

1. This petition is filed seeking regular bail in case of FIR No. 25 dated 17.8.2022 under Section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (for short 'the Act') registered at P.S. SVB, District Karnal wherein Section 13 of the Act has been added.

2. Reply filed by learned State Counsel is taken on record. Copy supplied to the counsel for the petitioner.

3. Brief facts of the case are that on complaint made by Ankit, a trap was made. The petitioner posted as a Clerk in office of SDM was apprehended red handed accepting bribe. As per the allegations, illegal gratification was demanded for procuring learner's driving licence. The allegations made by the complainant are supported by an audio recording.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 17th August, 2022, investigation is complete, the petitioner is not involved in any other case, no further recovery is to be made and he on instructions from the petitioner submits that the petitioner volunteers to give his voice samples.

5. Learned State Counsel opposes the prayer for grant of bail and submits that voice samples are yet to be taken. She on instructions fairly submits that investigation is complete, challan is presented and petitioner is not involved in any other case.
6. Without commenting upon the merits of the case considering that though investigation is complete conclusion of trial is likely to take time, the petitioner has no criminal antecedents and he volunteers to give his voice samples, the petitioner is granted bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.
7. The petition is allowed.
8. 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

8th December, 2022
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Whether reasoned/speaking	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No