

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

CRM-M-53275 of 2022 (O&M)

DECIDED ON:22nd November, 2022

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.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Haryana

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Saurabh Sharma, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Gurmeet Singh, AAG Haryana.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

Petitioner is seeking regular bail in case of FIR No.215 dated 29.7.2022, under Sections 186, 332, 353 (challan presented under Sections 120-B, 186, 420 IPC and Section 7 and 13 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988) registered at Police Station Civil Lines, Jind, District Jind.

The FIR was registered that GPS was installed in the Government vehicle used by the checking team of Road Transport Authority (RTA). The location of the team was leaked by forming the WhatsApp group. The role attributed to the petitioner is that he was one of the member of the WhatsApp group and used to share the location of checking team.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 21.8.2022, investigation is complete and challan stands presented. He relies upon the fact that Aman Kumar, co-accused, who was working in RTA office was granted bail by the Sessions Court on 27.10.2022, contention is that the petitioner's case is on better footing.

Learned State counsel opposes the prayer and on instruction from PSI Aashish Kumar submits that one mobile and Rs.5000/- was recovered from the petitioner and he was member of WhatsApp group in which the location of the checking party was shared. He fairly submits that the petitioner is not involved in any other case.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering that though investigation is complete conclusion of trial is likely to take time, co-accused was granted bail, no recovery is to be made from petitioner and he has no criminal antecedents, 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.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending application, if any is rendered infructuous.

22nd November, 2022
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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>No</i>