

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

CRM-M-53717-2022
Date of Decision: 24th November, 2022

Ishvinder Gulia ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana ... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. Gunjan Rishi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurmeet Singh, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana.

AVNEESH JHINGAN , J.(Oral)

This is a petition seeking regular bail in case of FIR No. 0018 dated 02.09.2022, under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (for short 'the Act') and thereafter, Section 7A and 13 of the Act and Section 384, 120-B IPC added later on in the FIR, registered at Police Station SVB Rohtak, District State Vigilance Bureau.

As per the case set up, a complaint was made alleging that the petitioner-Ishvinder Gulia (Fisheries Officer) along with Jai Gopal Verma (District Fisheries Officer) demanded illegal gratification of Rs. 90,000/- for release of the fisheries subsidy. On complaint, a trap was laid and the petitioner was caught red handed accepting Rs. 30,000/-.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 3.9.2022, investigation is complete and voice sample of the petitioner has been taken. He further relies upon the fact that co-accused was granted bail by the Court concerned.

Learned State counsel on instructions from Inspector Bijender Kumar opposes the prayer and submits that the petitioner was apprehended red handed, laced currency notes were recovered from him.

He further submits that the complainant in his statement under Section 164 Cr.P.C. has supported the case of the prosecution. He fairly submits that investigation is complete, voice samples of the petitioner was taken and the petitioner is not involved in any other case.

Without commenting on the merits of the case and considering that though investigation is complete conclusion of trial is likely to take time, the petitioner has no criminal antecedents and the petitioner being a government official, *prima facie* there is no chance of his absconding, 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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Whether reasoned/speaking	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No