

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

CRM-M-56626 of 2022 (O&M)

DECIDED ON: 6th February, 2023

Principal Shamsheer Singh

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Bipan Ghai, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Dipanshu Mehta, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. I.S. Mann, DAG Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

This is second petition seeking regular bail in case of FIR No. 3 dated 18.4.2022, under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, F.S. 1, District SAS Nagar Mohali.

The earlier petition was withdrawn on 22.8.2022

The FIR was registered at the instance of Hardeep Singh and it was alleged that he appeared in the interview for Instructor under the D.S.T. Scheme of Government Industrial Training Institute. Bribe of Rs. 50,000/- was demanded by the petitioner. As the demand was not fulfilled, the complainant was unsuccessful in interview. The complainant substantiated the allegations with an audio recording.

Learned Senior counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 18.4.2022. It is a case of false implication. He further contends that the petitioner has given voice sample and the FSL report is awaited. The petitioner is not involved in any other case.

Learned State counsel on instructions opposes the prayer, however, on instructions from Inspector Gagandeep Kaur submits that the investigation is complete, challan stands presented and FSL report of the voice sample is awaited.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering that no further recovery is to be made, the petitioner has given his voice sample, he has no criminal antecedents, though investigation is complete conclusion of trial is likely to take time, the petitioner being a Government official is not likely to abscond, 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, pending application, if any is rendered infructuous.

6th February, 2023

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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

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