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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No. 17102 of 2015
Date of Decision: 27.05.2015

LAKHVIR SINGH

.....Petitioner

Vs

STATEOF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Balbir Singh Sewak, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Arshdeep Singh Kler, DAG, Punjab.

1. *Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment ?*
2. *To be referred to the Reporters or not ?*
3. *Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J. (Oral)

Petitioner seeks regular bail in case bearing FIR No.34 dated 18.04.2014 under Sections 409, 420, 467, 468, 471, 201 IPC, Police Station Mulepur, District Fatehgarh Sahib. Allegations against the petitioner are that while serving as Special Assistant in State Bank of Patiala Branch, he transferred certain amounts belonging to pensioners in favour of his relatives. The embezzlement was detected by the Branch Manager on 18.02.2012. On further probe, certain more instances came to the light. Petitioner was suspended on 12.03.2013 and was ultimately dismissed from service on 28.12.2013. Two audits were made and ultimately, an amount of

Rs.31,12,480/- was detected due towards the petitioner. Out of the total amount, recovery to the tune of Rs.15,22,020/- has already been effected from the petitioner. Learned counsel states that even the house of the petitioner has been put on auction for recovery of the remaining amount.

In view of the fact that offence is triable by Magistrate, challan has been presented, petitioner is in custody since 06.02.2015. Without embarking upon merits of this case, at this stage, petitioner is ordered to be granted regular bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of CJM/Illaq Magistrate, Fatehgarh Sahib.

May 27, 2015
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(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE