

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

**CRM-M No.28236 of 2015 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 04.02.2016**

Kanta Devi @ Kanta Rani

..... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mrs. Gursharan K. Mann, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State assisted by ASI Sodhi Ram.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Present petition is for grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C. to the petitioner in case FIR No.101 dated 26.07.2012, under Section 409 of the Indian Penal Code, registered with Police Station Navi Baradari, District Jalandhar.

The allegations against the petitioner are that she has embezzled a sum of Rs.37,19,480/- belonging to the Transport Department.

It is submitted that there were two private employees deputed by the District Transport Officer to look after the cash, who are primarily responsible for the said embezzlement. That apart, it is submitted that the petitioner is in custody since 17.03.2015. It is further submitted that the case is triable by a Magistrate and is at the stage of recording of prosecution evidence.

Learned State Counsel, assisted by ASI Sodhi Ram, submits that 02 out of 06 prosecution witnesses stand examined.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, keeping in view the custody period and the fact that trial is not likely to be concluded in near future, this Court finds that petitioner/accused deserves the concession of regular bail and as such she is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of CJM/Duty Magistrate, Jalandhar.

The entire records received pursuant to the order dated 07.12.2015, passed by this Court, be sent back to the trial Court at the earliest.

Disposed of.

February 04, 2016

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**