

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

CRM-M-3213 of 2016
Date of decision: March 10, 2016

Aman Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. A.S. Brar, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Shilesh Gupta, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

Rajan Gupta, J.(oral)

This is a petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail in a case registered against the petitioner under Section 409 IPC at Police Station Dharamkot, District Moga, vide FIR No.315 dated 12.11.2014. Allegation against him is that he embezzled 653 bale of gunny bags, value of which would come to more than Rs.1,45,00,000/-. The case is triable by Magistrate and petitioner is in custody since 29.7.2015. Trial is proceeding at normal pace as five prosecution witnesses have already been examined.

Under the circumstances, this court is of the view that no useful purpose will be served by detaining the petitioner in custody any longer. The trial may take long time to conclude. Thus, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Moga.

**(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE**

March 10, 2016
'Rajpal'