

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

**CRM-M No.4158 of 2016 (O&M)  
Date of Decision: 12.02.2016**

Harjot Kaur

..... Petitioner

*Versus*

The State of Punjab

..... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH**

Present: Mr. Baltej Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mz. Rimplejeet Kaur, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab  
for the respondent/State assisted by H.C. Balraj Singh.

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**JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)**

Present 2<sup>nd</sup> petition is for grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C. to the petitioner in case FIR No.177 dated 15.12.2014, under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 67/71/72 of the Information Technology Act, 2000, registered with Police Station City Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

The allegations levelled by the Manager of Axis Bank are that the petitioner/accused, while working as a Deputy Branch Manager with their bank, had misused the passwords of other employees, tampered with the accounts of the customers and thereby embezzled an amount of Rs.1.28 Crores.

It is submitted that the petitioner/accused has already deposited a sum of Rs.40 Lacs.

It is contended that the petitioner is a lady and is in custody since 06.10.2015 and the challan has been presented.

The case being triable by a Magistrate, prayer is for grant of bail.

Learned State Counsel, assisted by H.C. Balraj Singh, does not refute the custody period and concedes that the challan has been presented. She further submits that there are 32 cited prosecution witnesses.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, keeping in view the custody period, the fact that petitioner is a lady, case is triable by a Magistrate and 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 regular bail subject to the satisfaction of CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

Disposed of.

**February 12, 2016**  
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**(JASWANT SINGH)**  
**JUDGE**