

Sr. No.210

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM No. M-43204 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of Decision:20.01.2017

Poonam

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. PBS Goraya, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Harpreet K. Athwal, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Abhinav Sood, Advocate,
for the complainant.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL)

This is the fourth attempt made by the petitioner to secure the benefit of regular bail pending trial in case FIR No.440 dated 27.11.2014 under Sections 420/120-B of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Civil Lines, Amritsar City, District Amritsar.

Essentially the allegations against the present petitioner are with regard to embezzlement and misappropriation of a sum of Rs.96 lacs taken from the complainant Puneet Bali as also his kith and kin on the pretext of sending them abroad. A sum of Rs.8 lacs is stated to have been deposited by the complainant in the account of mother of the petitioner and which concededly was withdrawn by the petitioner. Even though counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that there was no proof as regards entrustment of the balance amount, counsel appearing for the complainant as also State counsel would join issue and contend that cheques have been

issued by the petitioner as also her brother and prior to the cheques being presented, the bank account had been closed.

Even though investigation in the case is complete and challan stands presented yet the material prosecution witnesses are yet to be examined.

Without making any further observations on merits, lest it may prejudice the rights of the accused party, the present petition is disposed of in terms of granting liberty to the petitioner to approach this Court afresh seeking benefit of regular bail after the deposition of material witnesses, namely, Puneet Bali, Mukesh Bali and Jasneet singh is concluded.

Disposed of.

20.01.2017

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes
No