

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

CRM-M-26651-2018

Date of decision:10.09.2018

Mandeep Kaushik

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Ms. Jagdeep Bains, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Simranjeet Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case registered vide FIR No.32 dated 01.03.2018 under Sections 409 and 420 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 registered with Police Station Lehra, District Sangrur.

The FIR was registered at the instance of Deputy Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Sangrur wherein it has been alleged that during the audit report pertaining to year 2015-2016, it was found that there was embezzlement of ₹4,12,641/- and that the present petitioner who was working as a Secretary of the Society had embezzled the same.

Notice of the petition was issued to the respondent-State. Learned State counsel has opposed the petition and prayed for dismissal of the same.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in fact the petitioner has falsely been implicated in the present case but as a matter of an abundant caution and without prejudice to his rights to defend the case, the petitioner has deposited the entire amount of ₹4,12,641/- and in addition to that he has also deposited another amount of ₹75,000/- towards interest.

The aforesaid fact is not disputed by learned State counsel who has informed that the challan in the present case has been presented and charges have been framed.

Having regard to the abovesaid facts and circumstances and also bearing in mind the fact that the challan has already been presented and the petitioner has been behind the bars since the last three months and the conclusion of trial, in its normal course, is likely to take some time, in my opinion, no fruitful purpose would be served by further detaining the petitioner behind bars. Accordingly, petitioner-Mandeep Kaushik is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Sangrur.

This petition stands accepted accordingly.

(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

10.09.2018

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Whether reasoned / speaking? **Yes / No**

Whether reportable? **Yes / No**