

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Misc. No. M-2778 of 2018

Date of Decision: January 30, 2018

Mehar Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Jagjot Singh Lalli, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr. Nishchal Mann, DAG, Haryana

Sudhir Mittal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 0722 dated 02.06.2016, registered under Sections 120-B, 406, 420, 409, 467, 468, 471, 477-A IPC at Police Station Panipat City, District Panipat.

Perusal of the contents of the FIR reveal that one Surender Singh worked on the post of District Manager and one Zile Singh on the post of Clerk from 25.11.2011 to 13.08.2013 and during this period the said persons are alleged to have embezzled various amounts from the account of Haryana Women Development Corporation, Panipat. There is an allegation that a sum of Rs. 10,85,000/- was deposited in the account of one Smt. Kavita, who is actually Pinky wife of the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that he has been in custody since 09.05.2017 and that the challan has already been presented in the Court, charges have also been framed but examination of witnesses has not yet commenced. It is stated that trial will take long time to conclude and, therefore, the petitioner is entitled for grant of regular bail.

Learned State counsel on the other hand submits that the petitioner has

forged the documents in the name of his wife to open a bank account in the name of Kavita and, therefore, he is closely involved in the commission of crime.

In view of the fact that Surender Singh, District Manager has already been released on bail by this Court and that the investigation is complete, I deem it appropriate to grant regular bail to petitioner. The petition is allowed and petitioner— Mehar Singh is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court concerned at Panipat.

January 30, 2018

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[SUDHIR MITTAL]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No