

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-46094-2018

Date of decision: 25.10.2018

Ikram

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN

PRESENT: Mr. Ashit Malik, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Yashwinder Singh, DAG, Haryana.

RAMENDRA JAIN, J. (ORAL)

Through this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C., petitioner-Ikram, has prayed for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 221 dated 25.04.2018 registered under Sections 406 and 420 IPC, Police Station Sadar Sonapat, District Sonapat.

According to the prosecution, the petitioner embezzled the panchayat fund for around ₹ 35 lakhs by forging the signatures of BDPO.

Learned counsel *inter alia* contends that the petitioner is in custody since 31.05.2018. Challan has already been presented in this case. Framing of charge and conclusion of trial may take a long time. No useful purpose would be served by detaining him in jail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel vehemently opposed the above submission of learned counsel for the petitioner.

Considering overall facts and circumstances, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed. Consequently, petitioner-Ikram, is ordered to be released on bail pending trial, on his furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

October 25, 2018
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(RAMENDRA JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No