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

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Date of Decision: 10.12.2018

Jatinder Sharma

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Mansur Ali and Mr. Imran Ahmad Ali, Advocates,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

INDERJIT SINGH, J.

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.11 dated 28.05.2018, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, Range Amritsar, District Amritsar, under Sections 120-B, 409, 465, 467, 468 and 471 of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 13 (1) (d) read with Section 13 (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

Notice of motion was issued. Learned State counsel has appeared and contested the instant petition.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel and gone through the record.

As per the allegations in the FIR, embezzlement of more than ₹1.47 crores has been committed by getting the advertisement

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published in the newspaper on excess rate etc. The present petitioner is stated to be Bureau Chief of Jammu Kashmir, Newspoint, J.K. Channel, Gulistan News, Living India News etc.

The petitioner has been in custody since 13.09.2018. He is not required for any investigation or interrogation purposes as he is in judicial custody. The trial of case may take a long time. No useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner in custody till the final disposal of the case.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case; without discussing the facts in minute detail and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this criminal miscellaneous petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing personal bonds in the sum of ₹50,000/- with one surety in the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

10.12.2018

parveen kumar

**(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes
Whether reportable	:	No