

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

**CRM-M No.13273 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of decision : 26.02.2019**

Neeraj Kumar

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. Ankur Bansal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms.Amarjit Kaur Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case F.I.R. No.135 dated 05.07.2017 registered under Sections 408 IPC at Police Station Division No.7, Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner has been in custody since 03.11.2017.

Learned Deputy Advocate General points out that this is a case where there is a huge defalcation of more than Rs.1.00 crore and instead of releasing the petitioner on bail, it would be appropriate to put a time cap on the trial and in case the accused does not obstruct the trial the prosecution will lead its entire evidence on or before 01.07.2019 and till such time the bail should not be granted to the petitioner.

I find this to be a fair submission. In the circumstances, in view of the undertaking given by the learned Deputy Advocate General, it is directed that in case the prosecution does not lead its entire evidence on or before 01.07.2019 (subject to the accused not obstructing the same) the petitioner be released on bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

Petition stands disposed of in the above terms. The trial Court record be sent back. Since I put a time cap on the trial and the case is slated to be fixed for 28.02.2019, Registry is directed to ensure that the record reaches the trial Court by 27.02.2019.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending criminal miscellaneous application, if any, also stands disposed of.

A copy of this order be given to the learned counsel for the petitioner under the signatures of the Bench Secretary.

26.02.2019

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**(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable :

Yes/No