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

CRM-M-44158-2019

Date of decision-22.10.2019

Salender

....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

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

Mr. Sanjay Kumar Saini, AAG, Haryana assisted by
ASI Rana Pratap.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J.

Petitioner-Salender has prayed for grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case FIR No.0085 dated 23.08.2019 registered under Sections 408 and 420 Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Industrial Sector-29, Panipat. The petitioner is in judicial custody since his arrest on 10.09.2019.

The FIR was registered on the basis of a complaint given by Mohinder Sharma wherein it was alleged that accused while working as Management Associate/Cashier-Clerk used to handle day-to-day cash. He also used to perform the other related works from time to time such as withdrawal and deposit in the Bank. It is alleged that he had embezzled an amount of Rs.30,699/-.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the offence is

triable by Magistrate and investigation of the case is nearly complete. He contends that the complainant has already withdrawn a sum of Rs.22,656/- from the account of the petitioner without his consent and other amount of Rs.8,000/- has also been received by the senior officer of Dainik Bhaskar Group.

On the other hand, learned State counsel assisted by ASI Rana Pratap opposed the bail application. However, this fact is not disputed that the petitioner is in judicial custody and investigation of the case is complete.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, this Court is of the opinion that trial of the case is likely to consume considerable time, further custody of the petitioner may not be justified. Therefore, without meaning any expression of opinion on the merits of the case, it is ordered that the petitioner be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing requisite bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court, Panipat.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

22.10.2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No