

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

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CRM-M-52263 of 2019

DATE OF DECISION: 13.12.2019

BIJU GEORGE

.....Petitioner.

V/S

STATE OF HARAYANA

.....Respondent.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present : Mr. Pawan Kumar Hooda, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Tanushree Gupta, DAG, Haryana.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner-Biju George has prayed for grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case FIR No.33 dated 17.02.2018 registered under Sections 406, 408, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B, 34 of IPC at Police Station Sadar, Panipat. The petitioner is in custody since his arrest on 26.08.2019.

The FIR was registered on the complaint made by Naresh Gupta, Financial Secretary of GDR- The Gurukul International School, Panipat, wherein it was alleged that accused persons had embezzled an amount of Rs.22,00,000/- from the said school on account of collection of school fees, transportation charges and other funds during the year 2016.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody since 26.08.2019. He submits that the investigation of the case is complete, as the challan qua him stands filed and the offences are triable by the Magistrate, which is likely to consume considerable time.

Learned counsel for the State assisted by the SI- Rajbir present

in the Court has opposed the prayer, however, she does not dispute this fact

that the investigation is complete and final report stands filed.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, this Court is of the opinion that trial of the case is likely to consume considerable time, therefore, further custody of the petitioner may not be justified. Resultantly, 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.

The petition is allowed.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

13.12. 2019

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