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

CRM-M-21750-2020

Date of Decision: 15.12.2020

NAVKARANDEEP SINGH

.....Petitioner

Vs

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH*

Present: Mr. Jagjit Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J. (Oral)

The case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.112 dated 06.11.2019 registered under Sections 408, 420, 120-B IPC at Police Station Cantt Jalandhar, District Jalandhar.

Admittedly, petitioner was one of the employees who were employed by Checkmate Services Private Limited. Allegations are that during the period commencing from 04.10.2016 to 31.12.2018, notes were sorted out and were

returned in the shape of bundles. There was theft of Rs.46,46,559/-. Inquiry was conducted by Economic Offences Wing, Jalandhar and the involvement of the petitioner is prima facie found to be there. There were sixteen employees employed for counting of notes by the Checkmate Services Private Limited. The cash counting was done in an isolated room. RBI supervised the auditing of Checkmate Services periodically. Cash amount was received from the Bank officials by the Manager of the aforesaid company. The matter needs to be investigated thoroughly for which custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required. Even if the CCTV footage in respect of theft of the aforesaid amount could not be retrieved beyond 90 days, the same cannot be translated in favour of the accused at this stage.

Dismissed.

December 15, 2020
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(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No