

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

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**CRM-M-21835-2020 (O&M)
Date of Order: 16.10.2020**

Lakhwinder Singh

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Subhash Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rana Harjas Deep Singh, DAG, Punjab

Mr. Manuj Nagrath, Advocate,
for the complainant.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

The hearing of the case was held through video conferencing on account of restricted functioning of the Courts.

The petitioner-Lakhwinder Singh son of Charanjeet Singh prays for grant of bail pending trial in a criminal case arising from FIR No.172, dated 25.06.2020, registered under Section 420/465/467/468/471 IPC, at Police Station Division No.6, District Jalandhar.

As per the case of prosecution, the petitioner was employed by Smt. Bhag Devi (the mother of the first informant) as a driver. It is alleged that taking benefit of her old age, the petitioner has been withdrawing more amount than instructed by making entry of higher amounts in the pre-signed cheques.

The petitioner has already suffered incarceration of 3 month and 13 days. On completion of the investigating, the challan has been present. The conclusion of trial is likely to take time. The petitioner is not alleged to have any other criminal past apart from the present case.

Without commenting on the merits of the case and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner already suffered incarceration of 3 month and 13 days and conclusion of the trial is likely to take time, the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail subject to furnishing of adequate surety to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed with the aforesaid directions.

October 16, 2020
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

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