

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

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CRM-M-5731-2021

Date of decision : 12.02.2021.

DEEPAK SAINI

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Rajender Singh Malik, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Anant Kataria, DAG, Haryana.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.349 dated 04.11.2019 under Sections 420, 409 IPC, registered at Police Station Murthal, district Sonapat.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations are that the petitioner was an employee of the company that had obtained a contract from the electricity department for collecting bills from the consumers. The petitioner is stated to have collected a sum of ₹12,78,720/- from the consumers but had not deposited the same in the account of the company. He further contends that it is stated in the FIR itself that the petitioner had paid back a sum of ₹7,38,455/- and outstanding amount of ₹5,40,265/- has not been paid by him. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for about 08 months and is not involved in any other case.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Balwant

Singh, contends that although challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner is in custody for about 08 months, he is not involved in any other case, the COVID-19 pandemic and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

February 12, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No