

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

CRM-M-8305 of 2021

DECIDED ON: 4th August, 2021

Parveen Bhatnagar

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Haryana

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. R.K. Saini, Advocate for petitioner.

Ms. Harpreet Kaur, AAG Haryana.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

This is a petition seeking regular bail in case of FIR No.607, dated 4.12.2019, under Sections 420, 406, 467, 468, 471 and 506 IPC, registered at Police Station HTM, Hisar, District Hisar.

As per the allegations in the FIR, the petitioner was Secretary of Income Tax and Central Government Sect. Society, Hisar. He has duped various peoples by not repaying the amounts kept in fixed deposits.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that it is a case of false implication. The money was deposited in Co-operative society in which the petitioner was Secretary.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that there is delay of six years in lodging the FIR. The FIR is a result as there was some delay in making repayment. The contention is that the petitioner is in custody since 4.3.2020, investigation is complete. Submission is in FIR on similar facts this Court has granted bail in CRM-M-1241 of 2021 vide order dated 18.1.2021.

Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for grant of bail and relies upon the facts pleaded in the reply. She argues that the petitioner is involved in other FIRs pertaining to the same Co-operative Society.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties at some length, considering that the investigation is complete; the case is based on documentary evidence; no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars as conclusion of trial is likely to take time, bail is granted to the petitioner on furnishing surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

The petition is allowed.

It is clarified that the observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

4th August, 2021
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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>No</i>