

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-8553-2021 (O & M)

Date of Decision: May 28, 2021

DILBAG SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

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

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.181 dated 05.11.2020 under Section 409 IPC registered at Police Station Khamano, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner had resigned from the post of Secretary of the Cooperative Society on 11.12.2013 while the FIR was registered in the year 2020. The allegations are that a sum of ₹2,03,491.53/- has been misappropriated by the petitioner. He, however, contends that the matter was also sent for arbitration and award of the arbitration for the same amount was passed. He also contends that most of the amount has been paid by others and only an amount of ₹48,000/- remains to be paid by the petitioner and he is willing to pay the same. The petitioner is in custody for over 04 months and not involved in any other criminal case.

Learned State counsel states that the challan has been filed but no

prosecution witness has been examined as yet.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 04 months, he is not involved in any other criminal case, 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 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

May 28, 2021
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No