

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

CRM-M-11842 of 2021

DECIDED ON: 13th September, 2021

Gurwinder Singh

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. P.P.S. Doabia, Advocate for petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

This petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is filed seeking regular bail in case of FIR No.16 dated 5.2.2020, under Section 409 IPC, registered at Police Station Shambu, Tehsil Rajpura, District Patiala.

The allegations in the FIR was that being posted as Post Master in the Post Office, petitioner embezzled a sum of Rs.1,43,425/-. Instead of opening the Term Deposit for the complete amount given by customer, the petitioner partly pocketed the amount.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 25.1.2021. The amount in dispute has been deposited i.e. Rs.84,000/- earlier and Rs.62,000/- on 24.5.2021. The contention is that investigation is complete and no recovery is to be made.

Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for grant of bail. She submits that the petitioner has misused his official position and duped the innocent public of their hard earned money. She on instructions submits that challan stands presented and charges have been framed.

The petitioner has deposited the alleged embezzled amount.
No recovery is to be made, investigation is Complete and 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.

13th September, 2021

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**(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE**

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