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

(Through video-conferencing)

**CRM-M No.14883 of 2021
Date of Decision: 26.07.2021**

KULWINDER SINGH

.....Petitioner

Vs

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH*

Present:Mr. Gopal Singh Nahel, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, D.A.G., Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

Petitioner seeks grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case bearing FIR No.83 dated 14.09.2020, registered under Sections 420, 406, 408, 409, 201 IPC at Police Station Dharamgarh, District Sangrur.

As per allegations the petitioner is alleged to have embezzled an amount of Rs.30.201/- of the Society. The same allegation was made against co-accused Chamkaur Singh in the context of embezzlement of amount of Rs.19,99,482/- which was allegedly received from different persons, who had paid the

amount against the loan obtained by them from the Society. Petitioner was working as Salesman in the Society. Co-accused Chamkaur Singh has already been granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 16.03.2021 passed in CRM-M No.10560 of 2021.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that role of the petitioner is on lesser footing than that of co-accused Chamkaur Singh.

Learned State counsel on instructions from SI Harbans Singh opposed the bail on the ground that the petitioner has embezzled an amount of Rs.30.201/-. Challan has already been presented on 26.02.2021, but charges have not been framed so far. Next date before the trial Court is 04.08.2021.

Evidently, the offence is triable by the Magistrate. Petitioner is in custody since 16.01.2021. Trial of the case may take sometime in its culmination in view of the situation arising out due to COVID-19 pandemic.

In view of aforesaid facts, I deem it appropriate to grant regular bail to the petitioner.

This petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/concerned Duty Magistrate.

Nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of opinion on merits of the case.

July 26, 2021
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(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No