

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-29031-2021(O&M)

DATE OF DECISION: 07.12.2021

MANISH KUMAR

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF U.T. CHANDIGARH

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Gaurav Rana, Advocate for
Mr. Raj Kumar Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr.B.R. Rana, Advocate for
Mr. J.S. Toor, APP, U.T., Chandigarh.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.28 dated 19.03.2021, under Sections 420, 467, 468 & 471 IPC, registered at Police Station Sector 03, North, Chandigarh.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that the petitioner, who is working as a Constable in Punjab Police, had allegedly raised fake bills in the name of another person and an amount of Rs.1,96,000/- had been allegedly embezzled. The petitioner is in custody for over 8 months and 12 days. He does not have criminal antecedents.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 8 months and 12 days. He further contends that challan has been filed but none of the prosecution witnesses has been examined.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 8 months, 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.

Criminal miscellaneous application, if any, also stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

07.12.2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No