

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

**CRM-M-41621-2020(O&M)
Date of Decision: 17.03.2021**

Gaurav Vij

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. Anureet S. Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, A.A.G., Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.149 dated 11.09.2020, under Sections 408 and 420 of the Indian Penal Code registered at Police Station Urban Estate, District Patiala.

Custody certificate dated 17.03.2021 issued by Deputy Superintendent, Central Jail Patiala filed in the Court shows that the petitioner is in custody since 30.10.2020.

Learned counsel for the petitioner herein would contend that the matter has been investigated and the challan has been presented. It is argued that there is an inordinate delay of 9 months in filing of the said FIR and in fact the petitioner has been made a scapegoat. He was appointed as a Regional Manager in F-360 Gym LLP. The gyms were raided for evasion of GST and subsequently, as a defence set up by

the Directors, allegations of embezzlement have been put up against the petitioner. Learned counsel further submits that his services stand terminated and, therefore, he would not be in a position to influence the material witnesses.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent-State opposes the grant of regular bail.

I have heard counsel for the parties and have also perused case file.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and the challan having already been presented on completion of the investigation, I deem it appropriate to allow the petitioner benefit of bail, at this stage. The petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing adequate bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

17.03.2021

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No