

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

CRM-M-14278 of 2021

DECIDED ON: 24th March, 2022

Surender

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Haryana

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Ashwani Bhardwaj, Advocate for
Mr. H.P. Singh, Advocate for petitioner.

Ms. Geeta Sharma, DAG Haryana.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

Petitioner is seeking regular bail in case of FIR No. 126 dated 11.4.2020, under Sections 409, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC and Section 7 and 13 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, registered at Police Station Murthal, District Sonapat.

As per the case set up, the funds of Gram Panchayat were embezzled by the Sarpanch and Gram Sachiv in connivance with other co-accused.

The role attributed to the petitioner is that he is owner of the concern which allegedly carried out the development work for the part of the embezzled amount.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 19.4.2020, investigation is complete and no recovery is to be made from him. The allegations against the petitioner are based upon the documentary evidence. He further relies upon the fact that similar situated co-accused was granted bail by this Court on 18.2.2021.

Learned State counsel submits that apart from the involvement of the petitioner in embezzlement of Rs.15,41,000/- in the present case, he is involved in four other cases of similar nature though therein, he is on bail.

Considering the nature of allegations, custody period, the fact that the case is triable by Magistrate and co-accused was granted bail by this Court, 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.

24th March, 2022
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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

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