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

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CRM-M-40951-2024 (O&M)

Date of Decision : 25.11.2024

MANPREET SINGH

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present : Mr. N. S. Dadwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J.(Oral)

1. Through the instant petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. the petitioner prays for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.89 dated 21.04.2024, Under Sections 420, 467, 468 and 471 IPC, registered at Police Station City Jagraon, District Ludhiana Rural.

2. Counsel for the petitioner only has placed main thrust upon his arguments qua the incarceration period suffered by the present petitioner i.e. 06 months and 18 days, and he further submits that all the offences as invoked in the instant FIR are triable by Court of Judicial Magistrate Ist Class. He further submits that till date no witness has been examined, whereas, the prosecution has cited total 26 witnesses in the final report.

3. Custody certificate has been filed by the learned State counsel *qua* the petitioner today in Court, which is taken on record.



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4. State counsel and the counsel for the complainant oppose the grant of regular bail to the petitioner and submit that the petitioner was the branch manager, and he embezzled the amount of Rs. 12,17,541/- by misutilizing the ATM cards of the different firms.
5. This Court has considered the rival submissions as made by the learned counsel for the parties concerned, and without touching into the merits of the case, considering the days of incarceration suffered by present petitioner i.e. 06 months 18 days as on today, and the stage of the trial i.e. no witness has been examined so far, and the fact that all the offences are triable by the Court of Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, this Court deem it appropriate to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner, therefore, the present petition is **allowed**. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on furnishing of bail bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned Chief Judicial Magistrate/trial Court/Duty Magistrate.
6. However, anything observed here-in-above shall have no effect on the merits of the trial, and is only meant for deciding the present petition.

November 25, 2024
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(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

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