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

CRM-M-41643-2025

Date of Decision:07.08.2025

Angrej Singh

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Haryana

...Respondent

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat**Present :** Mr. Surender Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Additional Advocate General, Haryana.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the instant petition under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 with a prayer to grant regular bail in case FIR No.444 dated 30.11.2024 registered under Section 409 of IPC (Sections 420 , 201 of IPC added later on), at Police Station City Mandi Dabwali, District Sirsa.
2. The FIR in the present case was registered on the basis of the complaint made by Shalender Kumar and the same has been reproduced below:-

“ A letter from the office of Superintendent of Police, Dabwali, letter number 858-PC dated 28.11.2024 has been received today through post in Police Station Station, which is as follows: Police Station City Dabwali Police District Dabwali Sender SHO Police Station City Dabwali Sent Superintendent of Police, Dabwali Number No. 1041-54 dated 25.11.24 Sir, the brief report is as follows that I am SHO present at the police station that MM/EASI Veerbhan 342/Dwl Police Station City Dabwali has

informed that the previous MM/ESI Angrej Singh No. 304/DwL. has not yet handed over the charge of the store room and he is still showing reluctance. When items in the Malkhana were checked, the cash envelopes were found torn and dusty and a lot of other irregularities were also found but still MM/ESI Angrej Singh was instructed by the complainant to hand over the full charge to MM City Police Station Dabwali, but till now he is refusing to do so. He is repeatedly asked to hand over the charge but is not giving charge of the cash items of the cases. He is deliberately hiding the irregularities committed by him and is not giving charge of many items of Register No.19 and there are many deficiencies in Register No.19. By not giving important charge of many items of this Register No.19, he has shown indiscipline and has embezzled a lot of cash. Hence, ESI/C Agraj Singh No. 304/DWL has not given full charge of Register 19. The list of items is attached. ESI/C Agraj Singh No.304/DWL has retired on 31.01.2024 Therefore, I recommend action against him as per rules. Sd. Shalender Kumar SI/SHO.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner remained posted as HC in Police Station, City Dabwali w.e.f. 06.08.2020 to 13.10.2023 and during his posting in the said Police Station, no allegation was levelled against him. Now the petitioner has retired from police service and the FIR has been got registered by the complainant after his retirement. He further contends that the petitioner was arrested in the present case on 26.03.2025 and is in custody for the last more than 04 months. The petitioner was never involved in any other criminal activity. During his entire service, he is having unblemished service record. Even the police has completed the investigation against the petitioner and challan has been presented before the competent Court.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that serious allegations have been levelled against the present petitioner and he does not deserve the concession of bail by this Court.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

6. In the present case, the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 04 months and the challan has already been presented against him. Moreover, all the offences are triable by the Court of Magistrate.

7. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate, concerned.

(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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