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

CRM-M- No. 10518 of 2016

Date of Decision: 04.04.2016

PRITAM SINGH @ PEETA

..... Petitioner

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH.

Present: Mr. J.K. Singla, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rimplejit Kaur, Asst. A.G., Punjab.

JASWANT SINGH, J (ORAL)

Prayer is for grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr. P.C. to the petitioner-Pritam Singh @ Peeta in case FIR No. 12 dated 17.02.2015 for offences punishable under Sections 22/61/85 NDPS Act, registered with Police Station Jaurkian District Mansa.

The petitioner was apprehended on 17.02.2015 at about 3.45 P.M. and recovery of 200 tablets of Alprazolam-0.05 Mg was effected. It is contended that the petitioner is in custody since 17.02.2015 and the seized quantity is non-commercial in nature. The petitioner is stated to be not involved in any other case.

Learned State counsel on instruction from ASI Gurtej Singh, does not dispute the custody period, non- involvement of the petitioner in any case and that the seized quantity in

non-commercial in nature. She further submits that the evidence of the prosecution is still at the initial stage as only one out of 5 cited prosecution witnesses has since been examined.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, keeping in view the custody period of the petitioner and that the seized quantity is non-commercial in nature, no useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner in custody any longer as the trial is not likely to conclude in the near future.

Accordingly, present petition is allowed and the petitioner-Pritam Singh @ Peeta is order to be released on bail to the satisfaction of learned CJM/Duty Magistrate Mansa.

Petition stands dispose of.

**[JASWANT SINGH]
JUDGE**

April 4, 2016
Suresh Kumar