

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

**CRM-M No.10570 of 2016 (O&M)  
Date of Decision: 11.05.2016**

Balbir Singh @ Leader

..... Petitioner

*Versus*

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH**

Present: Ms. Alisha Soni, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mz. Rimplejeet Kaur, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab  
for the respondent/State assisted by H.C. Modan Singh.

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**JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)**

Prayer is for grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C. on behalf of the petitioner/accused-Balbir Singh @ Leader in case FIR No.81 dated 02.10.2015, under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (for short 'NDPS Act'), registered with Police Station Kot Dharmu, District Mansa (**Annexure P-1**).

The petitioner was apprehended and a recovery of 150 tablets of Alprazolam 0.5 mg. was effected from his conscious possession.

It is contended that the recovery is non-commercial in nature and the petitioner is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act.

The petitioner is stated to be in custody since 02.10.2015 and the trial is at the stage of commencement of evidence of 06 cited prosecution witnesses.

Learned State Counsel, assisted by H.C. Modan Singh, does not dispute the aforesaid situation.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, keeping in view the custody period, the seized quantity being non-commercial in nature, non-involvement of the petitioner in any other case and the fact that trial is not likely to be concluded in near future, this Court finds that petitioner/accused deserves the concession of regular bail and as such he is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

Disposed of.

**May 11, 2016**  
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**(JASWANT SINGH)  
JUDGE**