

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

**CRM-M No. 13022 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 25.04.2016**

Ghamanda Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Jagpal Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Mikhail Kad, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State assisted by HC Jagmail Singh.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition under Section 439 of Cr.P.C., is for grant of regular bail on behalf of the petitioner/accused-Ghamanda Singh in case FIR No. 16, dated 05.02.2016, for the offences punishable under Section 22 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, registered at Police Station City Budhlada, District Mansa.

As per allegations, recovery of 100 tablets of Alprazolam (each tablet of 0.5 mg.) from the conscious possession of the petitioner/accused. The said quantity concededly is non-commercial in nature.

It is contended that the seized quantity is non-commercial in nature, the petitioner is in custody since 05.02.2016 and after completion of the investigation challan stands presented on 18.04.2016. The petitioner is stated to be not involved in any other criminal activity.

Learned State Counsel, assisted by ASI HC Jagmail Singh, does not refute the above said factual contention.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, keeping in view the facts noticed above; custody period of the petitioner and the fact that the trial is not likely to be concluded in near future, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner/accused in custody, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

April 25, 2016

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**