

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

CRM-M No. 2279 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 27.01.2016

Nath Ram

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

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

Mr. R.S. Randhawa, Addl. A.G., Punjab
for the respondent/State assisted by ASI Darshan Singh.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Prayer is for grant of regular bail on behalf of the petitioner in case FIR No. 81, dated 29.08.2015, for the offences punishable under Sections 22/61/85 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, registered at Police Station Baretta, District Mansa.

The petitioner is alleged to have been apprehended and the recovery of 200 tablets of Prozolam 0.5 (Alprazolam 0.5) was effected.

It is contended that the petitioner is in custody since 29.08.2015, the quantity being concededly non-commercial in nature and the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case, he is entitled for grant of bail.

Learned State Counsel, assisted by ASI Darshan Singh, is unable to refute the aforesaid factual contention.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, keeping in view the custody period of the petitioner and facts noticed above, 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, Mansa.

January 27, 2016

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**