

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

**CRM NO. M-15184 OF 2017
DECIDED ON : 16.05.2017**

Jeewan Singh @ Jinnah

...Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present : Mr. Sandeep Verma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajesh Mehta, Addl. AG, Punjab.

AMOL RATTAN SINGH, J. (ORAL)

By this petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C, the petitioner seeks the concession of 'regular bail'.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was only the driver of the vehicle in which the contraband, i.e 4 kg 500 gms of Charas, was recovered in a bag, with the vehicle stated to be a taxi. The other person sitting in the vehicle was a customer whom the petitioner was driving to the destination of that person, i.e his co-accused Aman.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from the investigating officer, who is present in Court, submits that as per investigation carried out, though undoubtedly the petitioner is the driver of a taxi and the other co-accused had hired the taxi,

however, the petitioner is stated to have agreed to carry the contraband, upon being paid a very high sum for doing so.

Without making any comment on the contentions raised on the either side, keeping in view the fact that the petitioner is seen to be a first time alleged offender even as per the custody certificate filed in Court today, and admittedly being a driver of a taxi, further, he already having been in custody for about 06 months and 23 days, with the trial nowhere near conclusion as yet as no witness has been examined, as per State counsel, I consider it appropriate to admit the petitioner to bail upon his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

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