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

**CRM-M No.17752 of 2017
Date of Decision: 23.05.2017**

Ravinder Singh @ Sonu

.....Petitioner

Vs

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present: Mr. G.S. Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. P.S. Ghuman, Additional A.G., Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

Petitioner is an accused of offence under Section 22 of NDPS Act wherein 65 strips each containing 10 tablets were allegedly recovered from the petitioner. On chemical analysis, the same were found to be containing Alprazolam with total weight as 171.405 grams.

Alprazolam is covered as per Serial No.30 of the Schedule appended to NDPS Act, 1985. The same is also covered under Schedule (H) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 in view of recommendations of the Review Committee.

Learned counsel for the petitioner relies upon

Rachhpal Singh @ Goldi Vs. State of Punjab decided on 15.02.2017 in **CRM-M No.34998 of 2016, Punjab Singh @ Punjab Vs. State of Punjab** decided on 28.02.2017 in **CRM-M No.6108 of 2017** to contend that the issue is debatable as to the applicability of both the Acts.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Charanjit Singh states that challan has not been presented in the Court so far. Petitioner is in custody since 30.11.2016

In view of above, without commenting anything on the merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to grant regular bail to the petitioner on his furnishing adequate bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Faridkot.

Nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of any opinion on merits of the case.

May 23, 2017.

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(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE