

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.209

CRM-M-12755-2018

Date of decision : 03.04.2018

Baljinder Singh

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Parminder S. Sekhon, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. K.S. Sidhu, DAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.102 dated 10.09.2017, registered at Police Station Sadar Nabha, District Patiala, under Sections 22/61/85 of NDPS Act, 1985.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been framed in this case. He is a school teacher and was sitting in the shop of the co-accused when it was raided. Since, the petitioner objected, he was also framed. It is further submitted that the petitioner has been in custody since 10.09.2017 and investigation is complete. The trial of the case may take some time and therefore, the petitioner is entitled to grant of regular bail. He has also placed reliance on order dated 23.02.2018 passed in CRM-M-2251-2018, whereby co-accused, namely, Komal Bansal has been granted regular bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel submits that a heavy quantity of narcotic substance has been recovered from the petitioner and therefore, he does not deserve the concession of regular bail. However, it is not in dispute that the petitioner is a school teacher and that co-accused, namely, Komal Bansal has been granted regular bail.

Keeping in view the totality of the facts and circumstances of this case and on the principle of parity, I deem it appropriate to allow this petition. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and petitioner-Baljinder Singh is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court concerned.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

03.04.2018.

Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes/ No