

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.

CRM-M-22193-2017 (O&M)

Date of decision: April 04, 2018

Baljeet Singh @ Bittu

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. L.S. Sekhon, Advocate for
Mr. P.S. Dhaliwal, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Chetan Sharma, AAG, Haryana.

Rajan Gupta, J.(oral)

This is a petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail in a case registered against the petitioner under Section 21/61/85 Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Ratia, District Fatehabad, vide FIR No.53 dated 21.01.2017.

Learned counsel for the petitioner relies upon judgment rendered by this court in ***Manpreet Singh Vs. State of Punjab, 2015 (1) R.C.R. (Criminal) 102.***

Admittedly, petitioner is incarcerated since 10.3.2017. Not even a single prosecution witness has been examined till now. Keeping in view judgment in *Manpreet Singh's case (supra)* and the facts and circumstances of the case, this court is of the opinion that no useful purpose will be served by detaining the petitioner in custody any longer. The trial may take long time to conclude. Thus, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Fatehabad.

(RAJAN GUPTA)
JUDGE

April 04, 2018

'Rajpal'

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:

Yes / No