

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

**CRM-M No.51996 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 30.11.2018**

Ravinder Singh @ Ravi

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Kamaljeet S. Mamrat, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.0051 dated 24.06.2017, under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Mukandpur, District S.B.S. Nagar.

It is contended by learned Counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is in custody since 24.06.2017 and after submission of the report under Section 173 Cr.P.C., charges were framed on 18.01.2018 and out of total 09 prosecution witnesses, only 02 have been examined. It is further contended that the contraband recovered from the petitioner is non-commercial.

The above factual position is duly acknowledged by learned State Counsel, on instructions from ASI Balbej Singh.

Heard learned Counsel for the parties and perused the paper-book.

Keeping in view the facts that the petitioner is in custody since 24.06.2017, charges were framed on 18.01.2018 and out of total 09 prosecution witnesses, only 02 have been examined till date and more particularly, the contraband recovered from the petitioner is non-commercial and the trial is likely to take a long time to be concluded, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars any more. Therefore, in view of the abovesaid circumstances, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. Petitioner- Ravinder Singh @ Ravi be admitted to bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court.

November 30, 2018

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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	No