

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

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**CRM-M No. 5094 of 2019
Date of Decision: 7.2.2019**

Jaspreet Singh @ Jassa**.....Petitioner****v.****State of Punjab****.....Respondent****CORAM HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN**

Present:- Mr. D.S. Bhinder, Advocate, for the petitioner

Mr. Harpreet Multani, AAG, Punjab

RAMENDRA JAIN, J.

Through this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. prayer has been made for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in a case arising from FIR No. 85 dated 14.8.2017, under Section 22 of the Narcotics, Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short the “NDPS Act”), registered at Police Station Mehtiana, District Hoshiarpur.

According to the prosecution, the petitioner was apprehended along with 105 grams of alprazolam, which is a contraband under the NDPS Act.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the quantity allegedly recovered from the petitioner is marginally 5 grams above the “non-commercial quantity”. The petitioner is in custody since 16.10.2018. Conclusion of trial may take a sufficient long time. No useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner in jail any more.

On the other hand, learned State counsel vehemently opposed the grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

Considering overall facts and circumstances, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed. Consequently, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail during pendency of trial, on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(RAMENDRA JAIN)
JUDGE

7.2.2019
Ashwani

Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Reportable	Yes/No