

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-6051-2019

Date of Decision: 15.03.2019

Naveen Sharma

.. Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Subhash Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

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Inderjit Singh, J. (Oral)

Petitioner Naveen Sharma has filed this petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.2 dated 01.01.2018, registered at Police Station Division No.8, District Police Commissionerate Jalandhar, under Section 20 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Notice of motion was issued.

Learned State counsel has appeared on behalf of the respondent-State and contested this petition.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel and have gone through the record.

Perusal of the record shows that the present petitioner absented himself from the Court proceedings from 05.09.2018 and he was filing applications for his personal exemption. Since then, the present petitioner has not appeared before the trial Court.

In pursuance of the interim order dated 08.02.2019, the

petitioner has already appeared before the trial Court and has been released on interim bail.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case; without discussing the facts of the case in minute details and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I find that trial of the case will take a long time and no useful purpose will be served by sending the petitioner to custody. Therefore, finding merit in this petition, the same is allowed. The order dated 08.02.2019 granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute subject to deposit of Rs.10,000/- as costs with the District Legal Services Authority, Jalandhar within 15 days.

15.03.2019
Jasmine Kaur

(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	No