

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

CRM-M-15232-2019

Date of Decision:08.04.2019

Jodh Singh @ Bhatti

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT

Present : Mr. L.S. Mann, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Prabhjot Singh Walia, A.A.G. Punjab.

RAJBIR SEHRAWAT, J. (Oral)

Through this petition, the petitioner has sought bail pending trial in case FIR No.196 dated 06.12.2014 registered under Section 22 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Mehatpur, District Jalandhar City.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in this very case, the petitioner was earlier released on bail pending trial by the trial Court. However, he could not appear before the trial Court on some dates and therefore, the bail of the petitioner was cancelled on 14.03.2018 and the petitioner was declared as proclaimed offender. However, the petitioner was re-arrested on 09.12.2018 and since then he is in continuous custody. It is also submitted that there is no other case against the petitioner.

On the other hand, learned State counsel, being instructed by ASI Sukhdev Singh, submits that the petitioner is involved in a case; in which 70 grams of Dyphenoxylate Hydrochloride, a prohibited psychotropic substance, was recovered. However, it is not disputed that the earlier in this very case, the petitioner was released on bail and that after re-arrest, the

petitioner is in custody since 09.12.2018.

In view of the above facts and circumstances, but without expressing any further opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail pending trial subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

08.04.2019
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(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No