

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-52769-2018

Date of Decision: 25.02.2019

Mandeep Singh @ Manu

.. Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Sarbjit Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

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Inderjit Singh, J. (Oral)

Petitioner Mandeep Singh @ Manu has filed this petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.301 dated 31.10.2014, registered at Police Station Cantonment Amritsar, District Amritsar, under Sections 18/20/21/22 of the NDPS Act 1985, Sections 411/414/489-A/B/C/D IPC, 1860, Sections 25 of the Arms Act, 1959, Section 3 of the Official Secrets Act, 1923, Section 3 of the Indian Passport Act, 1920 and Section 14 of the Foreigners Act, 1946.

Notice of motion was issued.

Learned State counsel appeared and contested the instant petition.

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

The FIR in the present case has been registered against the present petitioner and other accused on the basis of secret information

levelling general allegations that they were indulged in smuggling of heroin, smack, etc and they are also in contact with Pakastani smugglers and supply drugs in Punjab and obtain fake currency notes from Pakistan.

Learned State counsel submits that nothing has been recovered from the present petitioner, rather he has been arrested by issuing production warrant and brought in custody from another case in which he was in custody.

The petitioner has been in custody since 12.04.2016. He is not required for any investigation or interrogation purposes as he is in judicial custody. The trial of the case may take long time. No useful purpose will be served by keeping him in custody till the final disposal of the case.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case; without discussing the facts in minute detail and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this criminal miscellaneous petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing personal bonds in the sum of ₹50,000/- with one surety in the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

25.02.2019
Jasmine Kaur

(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
No