

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

CRM-M-29735-2019 (O&M)

Date of decision : 22.07.2019

Satnam Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Arshdeep Singh Brar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Bhupender Beniwal, AAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the petition is to grant regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.173 dated 08.10.2018 registered under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act at Police Station Nihal Singh Wala, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has contended that the petitioner has been nominated on the basis of statement of co-accused which is a weak type of evidence. He further submits that there is no recovery from the petitioner. He further submits that investigation has been completed and challan has been presented, however, prosecution has not examined any witness. Petitioner is in custody since 13.11.2018. He is not involved in any other case.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the State, on instructions

from SI Narinder Kumar, has submitted that the petitioner was driving a scooter (two wheeler in question) and had run away from the spot.

Without commenting on the merits of the case and keeping in view the fact that the conclusion of the trial is likely to take time as prosecution has not recorded statement of any other witness till date, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed.

22.07.2019

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No