

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

CRM-M-30520-2019 (O&M)

Date of decision : 24.07.2019

Raman Singh @ Mani

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Inder Pal Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the petition is to grant regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.17 dated 24.03.2018 registered under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, at Police Station Khem Karan, District Tarn Taran.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody for more than 5 months. He has further submitted that the alleged recovery from the petitioner is 500 tablets of Alprazolam, total quantity whereof comes to 70 grams, although commercial quantity notified is greater than 100 grams.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the State submits that there were two boys and recovery from the other accused is 700 tablets.

It is debatable as to whether recovery from the petitioner would

fall within the commercial quantity or not.

As per custody certificate, petitioner is not involved in any other case. Investigation has been completed, charge has been filed and the case is now fixed for 31.07.2019 for framing of the charge.

Without commenting on the merits of the case and keeping in view the fact that the conclusion of the trial of the case is likely to take a long time, 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.

24.07.2019

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No