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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-32978-2019
Date of decision-16.08.2019

Jaswant Singh @ Jassa

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Addl.AG, Punjab assisted by
ASI Gurshaib Singh.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J.

Petitioner-Jaswant Singh @ Jassa has prayed for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.104 dated 07.07.2017 under Section 22, 61 and 85 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1881 registered at Police Station Jhabal, District Tarn Taran. The petitioner is in custody since his arrest on 07.07.2017.

On 07.07.2017, when the Police party was on patrol duty at bridge Shuya Manye, one young man was seen coming. On seeing the police, he tried to run away. On suspicion, he was apprehended. After following the procedure, the search was conducted and 1557 un-labeled intoxicant tablets containing alprazolam were recovered.

Learned State counsel assisted by ASI Gurshaib Singh has apprised the Court that charges were framed on 18.01.2018, however, till

date no witness has been examined. The prayer is opposed on the ground that the quantity recovered from the petitioner falls within the ambit of commercial quantity. He further submits that the petitioner is also involved in FIR No.85 of 2012 registered under Excise Act.

Considering the fact that the trial is not making any headway as no witness has been examined till date out of total seven witnesses, this Court does not find any valid reason to detain the petitioner any further in custody. Therefore, without meaning any expression of opinion on the merits of the case it is ordered that the petitioner be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing requisite bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court, Tarn Taran.

The petition is allowed.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No