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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-38402-2019
Date of Decision: 16.09.2019

Satnam Singh

... Petitioner

v/s

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Tarun Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, DAG Punjab assisted by
ASI Mohinder Singh.

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MANOJ BAJAJ, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner-Satnam Singh has prayed for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 108 dated 08.07.2018, registered under Section 21 & 22 of Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Guru Harsahai, District Ferozepur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was initially arrested on 08.07.2018 and concession of interim bail was granted to him on 03.10.2018 as FSL report was not submitted by the police. According to him, he remained on interim bail till 05.02.2019 when he surrendered upon filing of the FSL report. He further submits that the concession was never misused and the petitioner is not involved in any other similar case.

On the other hand, the learned State counsel assisted by ASI Mohinder Singh has opposed the prayer and submitted that recovered

contraband falls within the commercial quantity and the concession was rightly declined by the Trial Court. At the same time, it is not disputed that concession of interim bail was neither misused nor he is involved in any other similar case.

Considering the above and the fact that the trial is likely to consume some time, further detention of the petitioner may not be justified. 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, Ferozepur.

The petition is allowed.

September 16, 2019

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(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No