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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-49666-2019
Date of decision-02.12.2019

Ravinder Kumar

....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. D.S.Malwai, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, DAG, Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J.

Petitioner-Ravinder Kumar has prayed for grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case FIR No.0165 dated 22.01.2018 registered under Section 21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (Sections 22, 25 and 29 of NDPS Act added later on) at Police Station Barnala, District Barnala. The petitioner is in custody since his arrest on 19.10.2019.

As per the prosecution case, the FIR was registered on the basis of secret information wherein it was informed that Jeet Singh and Bholi Kaur are engaged in selling of intoxicant tablets (Tramadol). Acting upon the same, raid was conducted at the residence of Bholi Kaur and 5000 strips (50,000 tablets) were recovered.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR. He submits that nothing is to be recovered from him

as he was indicted in the present FIR on the basis of the disclosure statement of co-accused, namely, Jita Singh and Laddi Singh. He further invites the attention of the Court to the orders passed by this Court (Annexures P-2 and P-3) in respect of co-accused who have already been granted the concession of regular bail. He further contends that the petitioner is in custody since 19.10.2019, therefore, further custody of the petitioner may not be justified.

On the other hand, learned State counsel assisted by ASI Karamjit has opposed the prayer. However, it is not disputed that the co-accused of the petitioner have already been extended the concession of regular bail.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, this Court is of the opinion that trial of the case is likely to consume considerable time, therefore, further custody of the petitioner may not be justified. Resultantly, 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 concerned.

The petition is allowed.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

02.12.2019

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