

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

CRM-M No.49663 of 2019 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION : 2nd DECEMBER, 2019

Maninder Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT

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Present : Mr. J. S. Thakur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mrs. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

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RAJBIR SEHRAWAT, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 439 Cr.P.C for grant of bail pending trial in case FIR No.145 dated 25.05.2017 registered under Sections 380, 409, 120-B IPC and Section 22 of the Narcotics Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Nakodar Sadar, District Jalandhar Rural.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the case against the petitioner is totally concocted. It is further submitted that even as per the case of the prosecution, the alleged recovery from the petitioner is 300 tablets of Buprenorphine. Still further, it is submitted that as per the report of FSL, total quantity of the prohibited substance Buprenorphine found in the entire recovery is only 0.594grams, which is less than even the small quantity prescribed for the substance. Learned counsel for the petitioner has placed reliance on judgment of this court passed in *CRM-M-35080 of 2018 – Rajvir Singh @ Raju v. State of*

Punjab decided on 21.08.2018, to support his contention. It is further submitted that there is no other case against the petitioner. The petitioner is in custody since 25.05.2019.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the State, on instructions submits that the petitioner has been found in possession of 300 tablets of Buprenorphine. Therefore, a huge recovery of prohibited substance has been made from him. However, it is not disputed that as per the FSL report total quantity of prohibited substance found in the entire recovery is 0.594 gram. It is also not disputed that there is no other case against the petitioner. Still further, it is submitted that out of 19 witnesses, 7 witnesses have been examined by the prosecution.

In view of the above, but without commenting upon merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. It is ordered that the petitioner be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/sureties to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

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(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>