

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.50790 of 2019
Decided on: 11.12.2019

Kuldeep Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present : Mr. Yashpal Thakur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

The petitioner prays for grant of regular bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (in short 'Cr.P.C.') in FIR No.98 dated 07.10.2019, for offence punishable under Sections 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (in short 'the NDPS Act') (Section 29 of the NDPS Act added subsequently) registered at Police Station Cheema, District Sangrur.

Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is in judicial custody since 07.10.2019 and his bail application was dismissed by the Judge, Special Court, Sangrur vide order dated 21.11.2019.

Counsel for the petitioner has relied upon ***Inderjeet Singh @ Laddi and others vs State of Punjab, 2014 (3) RCR (Criminal) 953***, to contend that till the report of the FSL is received, the petitioner be released on interim bail. Counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that the petitioner is not involved in any other case and till

date, the report of the FSL/Chemical Examiner has not been received.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, has not disputed the factual position but opposed the prayer for bail.

In view of the judgment of this Court in *Inderjeet Singh @ Laddi's case (supra)*, wherein it has been held that awaiting the report of Chemical Examiner/FSL, the sentence of the petitioner can be suspended till receiving of such report.

Accordingly, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, till receiving of the FSL report.

The petitioner shall submit an undertaking before the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate/Duty Magistrate along with his bail/surety bonds that he will surrender before the trial Court on receiving the FSL report.

However, it will be open for the prosecution to apply for cancellation of bail, if the petitioner is found involved misusing the concession of bail, in any manner.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No