

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

CRM-M No. 62 of 2020(O&M)

Date of decision: - 22.01.2020

Bhagat Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Buta Singh Bairagi, Advocate for
Ms. Kuljeet Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 256 dated 19.11.2019 registered under Sections 15, 61 and 85 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Shahkot, District Jalandhar, Punjab.

At the very outset, learned counsel for the petitioner states that co-accused Pawandeep Singh who is similarly situated has been granted regular bail by the learned trial Court on 09.01.2020. The petitioner has been in custody since 19.11.2019 and no more required for investigation.

This factum has not been disputed by the learned State counsel. On the instructions from ASI Balwinder Singh, learned State counsel says that the vehicle in which the petitioner and co-accused were apprehended

belongs to the mother of petitioner-Bhagat Singh. He further states that challan has been filed and charges are yet to be framed.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties. The petitioner has been in custody since 19.11.2019 and charges are yet to be framed, the trial will take time to conclude and no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner behind the bars.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

22.01.2020

Mangal Singh

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No