

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

CRM-M-140 of 2020

Date of Decision: 23.01.2020

Mandeep Singh and Another

..... *Petitioner*

V/s.

State of Punjab

.....*Respondent*

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Present: Mr. Jasvir Singh, Advocate,
 for the petitioners.

 Ms. Jasleen Kaur Sidhu, AAG, Punjab.

Vivek Puri, J

Upon suspicion and being searched, in the instant case, the petitioner was found to be in possession of 270 grams of heroin which was being carried by four occupants including the petitioners, in a car. Two other occupants of the car had slipped away. Tirath Singh and Harpreet Singh who are stated to have fled from the spot, have already been granted pre-arrest bail by this Court in terms of orders dated 20.11.2019 passed in CRM-M-31298 of 2019 and CRM-M-33378 of 2019.

The contraband recovered from the possession of the petitioners is marginally above the commercial quantity. The arrest of the petitioners was effected on 11.06.2019. The investigation of the case is complete and the challan has also been presented in the Court. Also, there is nothing to the petitioners having been involved in any other case under the NDPS Act.

In a similarly situated matter in CRM-M-12048 of 2018, vide orders dated 27.03.2018, concession of bail was granted in a case of recovery of 270 grams of heroin.

Considering the above and the fact that the trial is likely to take some time, further detention of the petitioner may not be justified. Therefore, without making 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 concerned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

The petition is allowed.

23rd January, 2020

Sonia Puri

(Vivek Puri)
JUDGE