

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

CRM-M-1613-2020

Date of decision: 21.1.2020

ANIL KUMAR PANDEY

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Jimmy Singla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case registered vide FIR No.197 dated 22.10.2019 under Sections 18 of NDPS Act registered at Police Station Sadar, District Patiala.
2. The case of prosecution in nut-shell is that the petitioner was found in possession of 1.5 kg of Opium.
3. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned State counsel.
4. It is not disputed that the recovered contraband would fall in the quantitative limits of non-commercial quantity. The petitioner is not stated to be involved in any other case and has been behind bars since the last about 3 months and challan already stands presented. In these

circumstances, further detention of the petitioner would not serve any fruitful purpose as conclusion of trial, in its normal course, is likely to take some time.

5. The petition, as such, is accepted and it is ordered that petitioner be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

21.1.2020
Gaurav Sorot

(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned / speaking? Yes / No

Whether reportable? Yes / No