

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

CRM-M-2888-2020
Date of decision: 11.11.2020

Amrik Singh @ Sonu

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Liaqat Ali, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 85 dated 26.04.2017, registered under Sections 21 and 22 of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (*for short 'NDPS Act'*) at Police Sidhwan Bet, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per the allegations in the FIR, the police party, on suspicion, arrested the petitioner and on search, recovery of 515 grams of intoxicating powder containing Alprazolam and 03 grams of Heroin was effected.

Learned counsel further submits that there are moot points in this case regarding procedure followed by the Investigating Officer which is to be decided during trial.

Learned counsel further submits that petitioner is in judicial custody for the last about 01 years and 05 months; charges were framed on

27.09.2019, however, till date, out of total 09 prosecution witnesses, not even a single witness has been examined, therefore, conclusion of trial is likely to take a long time.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering the aforesaid submissions of learned counsel for the parties and also in view of the fact that the trial is not proceeding due to COVID-19 situation, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on her furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Illaqa Magistrate, concerned.

11.11.2020

Waseem Ansari

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No