

227 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-3238-2020

Date of decision-16.03.2020

Keemat Singh

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ**

Present: Mr. B.S.Aulakh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

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**MANOJ BAJAJ, J.**

Petitioner has prayed for grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case FIR No.231 dated 07.12.2019 registered under Section 22 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Kabarwala, District Sri Muktsar Sahib. The petitioner is in custody since his arrest on 07.12.2019.

The prosecution case is that during patrolling by police party, 230 tablets of Clovidol-100 SR and 100 tablets of Trio-SR (containing Tramadol Hydrochloride) were recovered from the petitioner's possession.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the alleged recovered contraband falls within the non-commercial quantity and the investigation of the case is complete. It is pointed out that the charges have been framed on 14.02.2020 and the conclusion of trial is likely to consume considerable time. He prays that the petitioner be released on regular bail.

On the contrary, learned State counsel assisted by ASI Surinder Singh opposed the prayer on the ground that the petitioner is involved in one another case wherein the trial is pending. However, it is not disputed that the petitioner is on regular bail in the said case, which is pending trial. It is also not disputed that the investigation of the case is complete and alleged recovered contraband falls within the ambit of non-commercial quantity.

Considering the quantity recovered from the petitioner and the fact that the trial will consume considerable time, this Court does not find any reason to further detain the petitioner, particularly when the investigation of the case is complete. Resultantly, without meaning 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 trial Court concerned.

The petition is allowed.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)  
JUDGE

16.03.2020  
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| Whether speaking/reasoned : | Yes | No |
| Whether Reportable :        | Yes | No |