

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

**CRM-M-3196-2020
Date of decision: 21.12.2020**

Tasvir Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Kuldip Sanwal, 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. 187 dated 09.09.2019, registered under Sections 22/29/61 of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station City Jagraon, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is in judicial custody for the last about 01 year and 03 months and he is not involved in any other case.

Learned counsel further submits that though the *challan* was presented on 22.01.2020, however, till date, even the charges have not been framed, therefore, no prosecution witness has been examined so far.

Learned State counsel, on the basis of the custody certificate filed today in Court, has not disputed the factual position, however, submitted that recovery from the petitioner is of commercial quantity.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, considering the fact that petitioner is in judicial custody for the last about 01 year and 03 months; he is not involved in any other case and due to COVID-19 situation, the conclusion of trial is likely to take some time, the present petition is disposed of and the petitioner is ordered to be released on interim bail till 31.05.2021, on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate, concerned.

However, the trial Court, after assessing the situation, if the trial has not started in ordinary course and the evidence is recorded, may cancel or may continue the interim bail granted to the petitioner till further orders.

21.12.2020

Waseem Ansari

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No