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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-3443-2020
Date of Decision: 27.10.2020

Raja Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. K.S. Brar, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. N.K. Banka, DAG, Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure by the petitioner, seeking regular bail in case FIR No.187 dated 01.11.2019, under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Sadar Bathinda, District Bathinda.

2. The petitioner has remained in detention for almost one year, since 01.11.2019.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has drawn attention of this Court to the fact that the alleged recovery from the petitioner is marginally above the commercial quantity, and has cited the decision of a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-1179-2020 titled as “Gurwinder Kaur @

Gagan Vs. State of Punjab”, decided on 21.01.2020, in which in similar

situation, bail was granted to the concerned petitioner.

4. Evidence from the prosecution side has not yet commenced on account of outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

5. As such, without commenting any further on the merits of the present case as a whole, and in view of the detention undergone by the petitioner, as also the fact that the trial is likely to take its own considerable time due to ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic, the prayer of the petitioner for regular bail is allowed and he is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to appropriate terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

6. Disposed off.

27.10.2020

Parveen Sharma

(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

2. Whether reportable: Yes/No