

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

Sr. No.212

CRM-M-7254-2020

Date of decision: 14.10.2020

Nachhattar Singh @ Bacha

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present: Mr. J.K. Singla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. J.S. Ghumman, DAG, Punjab.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for the grant of regular bail in FIR No.102 dated 27.06.2019 registered under Sections 22 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Dhanaula, District Barnala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case; he has been in custody since 27.06.2019; there is no other criminal case in which the petitioner is involved and that since 10 prosecution witnesses still remain to be examined in the petitioner's trial, the same is not likely conclude in the near future especially in the present circumstances when the world is facing the Covid-19 pandemic.

Learned State counsel opposes the grant of bail on the ground that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of about 520 gms of

Tramadol Hydrochloride tablets.

The petitioner has been in custody for about 01 year and 04 months; there is no other criminal case in which the petitioner is involved and since 10 prosecution witnesses still remain to be examined in the petitioner's trial, the same is not likely to conclude in the near future especially in the present circumstances when the world is facing the Covid-19 pandemic.

In view of the above, the present case is considered to be a fit one in which the petitioner be directed to be released on regular bail. Resultantly, subject to the satisfaction of the CJM/Duty Magistrate, Barnala, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail.

It is clarified that the above observations have been made only for the limited purpose of deciding the present regular bail application and the same would not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE

October 14, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No