

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

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**CRM-M NO. 7562 of 2020
Date of decision : 16.12.2020**

Pankaj Kumar @ Pinki

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present : Mr. S.S.Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Nagra, AAG, Punjab
for respondent-State.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

The case is taken up through video conferencing on account of COVID 2019.

The petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C for grant of bail in case FIR No.55 dated 23.04.2019 under Sections 21 and 25 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Kotwali Bathinda, District Bathinda.

The allegations in the FIR are that on 23.04.2019 at about 11.30 a.m. one car A-Star white colour was stopped. The car was being driven by the Sandeep Kumar @ Deepu. The petitioner was sitting left to the driver seat. He was holding a black colour plastic bag in his hand. On search of the bag, 350 grams heroin and currency notes of rupees two lacs were recovered. No documents regarding the ownership of the car were found.

Learned counsel for petitioner states that petitioner is in custody since 24.04.2019. The investigation in case is complete and challan has been filed. There is no other case registered under NDPS Act against the petitioner. The trial of case is not making any headway because of COVID -19 pandemic.

In view of the above, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed. The petitioner is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

16.12.2020

Rajeev (rvs)

**(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No