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

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Date of Decision: 27.02.2020

Feroze Alam

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN

Present:- Mr. Monty Goyal, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. Pawan Sharda, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

RAMENDRA JAIN, J. (ORAL)

Through instant petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. prayer has been made for grant of regular bail to petitioner – Feroze Alam – in a case arising from FIR No.99 dated 28.09.2019 registered under Section 21/29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Special Task Force STF Wing, Moti Nagar, Ludhiana.

According to prosecution, on 28.09.2019 petitioner along with his co-accused was apprehended with conscious possession of 712 grams of heroin, without any permit or licence.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that petitioner is in custody since 28.09.2019. Co-accused of the petitioner, namely, Naresh Kumar has been granted bail by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 19.12.2019 passed in CRM-M-53332 of 2019.

Conclusion of trial may take a sufficient long time. No useful purpose

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would be served by detaining the petitioner in jail any more. Treating the case of the petitioner on the same parity as that of his co-accused, he may also be granted regular bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel vehemently opposed the grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

Considering overall facts and circumstances, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed. Treating the case of the petitioner on the same parity as that of aforesaid co-accused, he (Feroze Alam) is ordered to be released on bail during pendency of trial, if not required in any other case, on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

February 27, 2020
R.S.

(RAMENDRA JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No