

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

CRM-M-8046-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 03.03.2020

Ashok Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE H.S. MADAAN

Present: Mr. Simranjeet Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Harpreet Kaur, AAG, Haryana.

H.S. MADAAN, J. (Oral)

This petition for regular bail has been filed by petitioner Ashok Kumar, aged about 35 years, an accused in FIR No.272 dated 03.10.2019, for offences under Sections 20 (b) and 27 (a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'the Act'), registered with Police Station City Ratia, Fatehabad.

Briefly stated facts of the case as per prosecution version are that on 03.10.2019 in the area of New Bus Stand, Ratia, accused/petitioner Ashok Kumar was apprehended by the police party led by ASI Rameshwar Dass and he was found in possession of 2 kgs 200 gms of ganja. The accused was arrested in this case. The recovered contraband was also seized. After completion of investigation, accused has been challaned.

Accused had moved an application for regular bail before learned Addl. Sessions Judge, Fatehabad, which was dismissed, vide order dated 13.12.2019. Therefore, he has approached this Court, craving for grant of the similar relief, which request is being opposed by State counsel.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties besides going through the record.

Though the quantity of contraband stated to have been recovered from the possession of the accused as per prosecution story is not on very high side but then he is said to be involved in 04 other cases under the Act; that means that he is a drug peddler and if he released on bail, there is every chance of his taking to drug trafficking and treading the path of crime. Out of 04 cases registered against the petitioner, 02 cases are stated to be pending trial. Therefore, it is not found proper and appropriate to grant the benefit of regular bail to the petitioner. His request in that regard stands declined and the petition is dismissed accordingly.

03.03.2020

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(H.S. MADAAN)
JUDGE

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