

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-8307-2020

Date of decision: 22.05.2020

Hardeep Singh

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Rishu Mahajan Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, Deputy AG, Punjab.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner-Hardeep Singh has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer to grant him regular bail in case FIR No.213 dated 31.12.2019 under Sections 22/29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, registered at Police Station Kartarpur, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner firstly submits that no recovery has been made from the petitioner. He also submits that recovery, if any, which was made from Malkit Singh @ Meeta and that too was of non-commercial quantity. He secondly submits that challan has been presented and no charges have been framed till date.

In view of the peculiar facts and circumstance as noticed above

and the fact that the trial Court would likely to take time and also considering the situation of COVID-19, this Court deems it appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned. However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed as an expression on merits of the case.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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