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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-9948-2020
Date of Decision: 27.11.2020

Jaspal Singh @ Jassa

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Prateek Pandit, Advocate for
Mr. Sahil Puri, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Bhupender Beniwal, AAG, Punjab,
for the respondent-State.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

This is a petition for regular bail filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. on behalf of the petitioner in case FIR No.185 dated 11.08.2019, under Section 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Sultanpur Lodhi, District Kapurthala.

[2]. Seen the Custody Certificate of the petitioner, who has remained in detention in the present case for 1 year, 3 months and 15 days by now.

[3]. The recovery of contraband (260 grams) from the petitioner was marginally above the commercial quantity. Various Co-ordinate Benches of this Court, in similar situations, have granted bail to the concerned petitioner(s) as laid down in “Jatinder Kumar @ Robin Vs. State of Punjab” bearing CRM-M No. 26125 of 2013, “Satender Singh Vs. State of Punjab” bearing CRM-M No. 37182 of 2012 and “Kulbir Singh @

Tinu Vs. State of Punjab” bearing **CRM-M No. 19310** of 2012.

[4]. Admittedly, there is no record of the petitioner's involvement in any other criminal case, whether under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, or otherwise.

[5]. In these circumstances, without commenting any further on the merits of the present case as a whole, but in view of the detention undergone by the petitioner and the fact that the trial is likely to take its own considerable time due to ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic, as such, the prayer of the petitioner for regular bail is allowed and he is ordered to be released on regular bail subject to appropriate terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

[6]. Disposed off.

27.11.2020

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

2. Whether reportable: Yes/No