

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No. 205

CRM-M-9524-2019 (O&M)
Date of decision : 06.10.2020

Gurjant Singh @ Harman Singh

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present: Mr.Yashpal Thakur, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr.Gaurav Garg Dhuriwala, Sr.DAG, Punjab.

DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (ORAL)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for the grant of regular bail in FIR No.15 dated 15.08.2018, registered under Sections 22/61/85 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Kheri Nodh Singh, district Fatehgarh Sahib.

Seeking regular bail for the petitioner learned counsel submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case; he is in custody since 15.08.2018; he is not involved in any other criminal case and that for the last about nine months the petitioner's trial has been simply adjourned without any effective proceedings due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Learned State counsel opposes the grant of bail to the petitioner on the ground that the petitioner has been found in illegal possession of 1000 lomotil tablets.

The petitioner has been in custody for the last about two years and two months; he is not involved in any other criminal case and his trial is not likely to conclude in the near future especially in the present circumstances when the world is facing the COVID-19 pandemic.

In view of the above, the present case is considered to be a fit one in which the petitioner be directed to be released on regular bail. Resultantly, subject to the satisfaction of the CJM/Duty Magistrate, Fatehgarh Sahib the petitioner is directed to be released on bail.

It is clarified that the above observations have been made only for the limited purpose of deciding the present regular bail application and the same would not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

06.10.2020

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[DEEPAK SIBAL]
JUDGE

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