

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-9835-2019 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 15.06.2020

Amritpal Singh

... Petitioner

VS.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. KPS Virk, Advocate for
BS Bhalla, Advocate for the petitioner

Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

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

The petitioner Amritpal Singh aged 25 years has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail. He has been allegedly involved in case FIR No.25 dated 04.11.2017 under Sections 21/25/29 of NDPS Act, 1985 registered at PS SSOC, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner based upon the pleadings submits that a perusal of the FIR would show that the main allegations are that at the spot of recovery Pargat Singh and Sukhbir Singh @ Goldy were present. Learned counsel therefore submits that the recovery was allegedly effected from them and the petitioner was only named to have ran away from the spot. He submits that the other two were arrested on 14.11.2017 itself. However the present petitioner is behind the bars since 12.10.2018.

Learned State counsel on the asking of the Court submits that the charges were framed on 13.05.2019. There are a total of 30 witnesses out of which 12 witnesses have been examined till now. The next date before

the trial court is 03.07.2020.

He then submits that due to COVID situation retention of the petitioner in jail is dangerous to his life and otherwise also the trial is likely to take some time in view of the fact that the trial is fixed for 03.07.2020.

The Duty Magistrate/trial court apart from other bail bonds/security may require the petitioner to furnish some heavy surety/security. The trial court may further require the petitioner to furnish bail bonds/additional surety as it deems appropriate.

In view of the above, this Court deems it appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Duty Magistrate/trial court concerned.

However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed to be an expression on merits of the case.

Disposed of.

15.06.2020

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1. *Whether speaking/reasoned?*
2. *Whether reportable?*

(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

Yes/No
Yes/No