

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-10307-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 18.08.2020

Parkash Singh @ Nimma

... Petitioner

VS.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. KS Dhillon, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. HS Sullar, DAG 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 Parkash Singh @ Nimma aged 40 years has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.066 dated 02.08.2018 under Sections 21-22 of NDPS Act, 1985 registered at PS Valtoha, District Tarn Taran.

Learned counsel submits that the petitioner is not involved in any other case. He is a 40 year-old person who has lots of responsibilities in the family. He is in custody for more than two years.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Kewal Singh submits that there are a total of 7 witnesses and none have been examined till date.

Counsel for the petitioner then submits that due to the present COVID-19 situation, detention of the petitioner in jail would be dangerous to his life and also the fact that trial is likely to take some time, the petitioner is entitled for regular bail.

In view of the peculiar facts noticed above and the present situation due to COVID-19, this Court deems it appropriate to direct release of the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned, subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds.

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.

18.08.2020

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

(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

Yes/No
Yes/No