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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-10777-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 02.12.2020

Lala Ram

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. B.S. Jatana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail in FIR No.216 dated 27.11.2019 under Section 22 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Boha, District Mansa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that challan stands presented, however, charges have not been framed. It is further submitted that the petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year and 03 days and is not involved in any other case.

Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate dated 01.12.2020 in the Court today and has not disputed the factual position.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties and without commenting anything on merits of the case, considering the fact that due to

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COVID-19 situation, trial is not progressing and even the charges have not been framed and also considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year and 03 days, this petition is partly allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on interim bail till 30.04.2021 subject to furnishing his bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

It will be open for the trial Court either to grant extension of interim bail assessing the circumstances and evidence or dismiss the bail, in accordance with law.

**[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE**

02.12.2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No