

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M-11126-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision:10.11.2020**

Chamkaur Singh alias Kori

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. B.S. Jatana, Advocate for
Mr. Tejinder Pal Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Sullar, DAG, Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Through this petition, the petitioner seeks regular bail in case bearing FIR No.5 dated 16.01.2020 registered under Sections 22 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Dharamgarh, District Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the alleged recovery of 70 strips of Clovidol (each strip containing 10 tablets) i.e. total 700 intoxicant tablets was effected from the petitioner, which is marginally higher than the commercial quantity. It is further stated that there is no other case pending or registered against the petitioner and that the petitioner has been in custody since 16.01.2020.

Learned State counsel points out that in this case on seeing the police party, a bag was thrown by the petitioner on the roadside from which

the aforesaid recovery of commercial quantity of the contraband was effected. He does not, however, dispute that the recovery effected from the petitioner is marginally higher than commercial quantity and that the petitioner has been in custody since 16.01.2020.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 16.01.2020. The challan was presented on 10.07.2020 and no other case is pending or registered against the petitioner. Trial of the case would take time to conclude. Therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

10.11.2020

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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?

Yes/No

Whether reportable?

Yes/No