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

CRM-M No. 13785 of 2020  
Date of decision: 30.06.2020

**Harmesh Singh**

**.....Petitioner**

**V/s.**

**State of Punjab**

**.....Respondents**

**CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR**

Present: Mr. Gurvesh Singh Khokhar, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh Dullat, Additional Advocate  
General, Punjab.

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**Sanjay Kumar, J.**

The petitioner is one of the accused in FIR No. 0297 dated 05.12.2019 on the file of P.S. Lambi, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, registered under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short, 'the Act of 1985'). By way of this petition, he seeks grant of regular bail.

The petitioner has been in custody since 05.12.2019. According to him, he is a labourer working in a Tent House. He claims that, on the night in question, he was waiting at the bus stand and, to his misfortune, was offered a lift by the co-accused, who belongs to his village. The petitioner states that except for this chance mishap, he has no connection whatsoever either with the co-accused or with the offence.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh Dullat, learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab, confirms that the vehicle in which the prohibited drugs/substances were found belonged to the co-accused. He further confirms that no other case has been registered against the petitioner under the Act of 1985.

As matters stand, the veracity of the petitioner's claim can only be ascertained after due trial.

Give the aforestated circumstances, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner would be entitled to grant of bail, subject to conditions.

The petition is accordingly allowed directing the release of the petitioner on regular bail in FIR No. 0297 dated 05.12.2019 on the file of P.S. Lambi, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, upon the petitioner furnishing a personal bond for a sum of Rs. 20,000/- along with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the Illaqa/Duty Magistrate concerned. Further, the petitioner shall not offer any inducement, threat or promise to any person involved with the case.

**(SANJAY KUMAR)**  
**JUDGE**

30.06.2020

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whether speaking/non speaking : Yes/no

whether reportable/non reportable : Yes/no