

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-11599-2020

Date of decision: 12.06.2020

Kuldeep Singh@Tunda

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Gurpal Singh Sandhu, 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 pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner-Kuldeep Singh @ Tunda who is stated to be aged 27 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* praying for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.122 dated 04.07.2019, under Section 22 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station City Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was arrested on 04.07.2019 and his custody is nearly one year. Learned counsel further submits that the other two persons named in the FIR have been granted anticipatory bail vide order dated 16.12.2019 in *CRM-M No. 44674 of 2019* and *CRM-M No.37052 of 2019* dated 16.12.2019. Learned counsel

then submits that the recovery is non-commercial in nature. He however, submits that due to the present COVID-19 situation, retention of the petitioner in jail is dangerous to his life.

In view of the peculiar facts as noticed above, considering the existing situation due to COVID and the fact that trial is likely to take time, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the 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.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No