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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M -12477 of 2020
Date of decision : 18.5.2020

Amarjeet Singh

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of UT, Chandigarh

.....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.S. Sandhawalia

Present:- Mr. Rajbir Singh, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. J.S.Toor, Advocate for the UT, Chandigarh.

G.S. Sandhawalia, J. (Oral)

1. The matter has been taken up by way of Video Conferencing through Webex Application facility in view of Covid-19 situation as per instructions issued.

2. The petitioner seeks regular bail in FIR No.16 dated 17.1.2020 under Section 20 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 registered at Police Station, Sector 39, Chandigarh during the pendency of trial.

3. The recovery of 680 Grams of Charas is alleged against the petitioner who is stated to be around 59 years of age which is marginally below the commercial limit of 1 Kilogram. The investigation has been completed and the challan including the report of FSL has been presented in Court. The charge is yet to be framed and the case is fixed for 1.6.2020 before the trial Court.

4. Keeping in view the peculiar circumstances on account of Covid-19 pandemic situation, the trial is likely to take considerable time and the fact that the petitioner is in custody for four months, this Court is of the

opinion that the petitioner is entitled to be released on regular bail.

5. Accordingly petitioner be released on bail to the satisfaction of the Illaqua/Duty Magistrate, Chandigarh on furnishing of heavy security since he is a resident of District Kullu (Himachal Pradesh).

6. Accordingly the present petition stands disposed of.

18.05.2020
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(G.S. Sandhwalia)
Judge