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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.12814 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 30.07.2020

PARSHOTAM LAL

.....Petitioner

Vs

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present: Mr. J.S. Grewal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rana Harjasdeep, D.A.G., Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

The case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Petitioner seeks grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case bearing FIR No.38 dated 24.04.2018, registered under Sections 21, 29 (Charge under Section 21-C) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act at Police Station Sadar Rupnagar, District Rupnagar.

As per prosecution case, 264 grams of heroin was recovered from the possession of the petitioner and the recovery falls under commercial category.

On 08.06.2020, it was noticed by the Court that out of total 20 prosecution witnesses, 18 witnesses have already been examined. Only 2 prosecution witnesses are remaining.

Remaining evidence could not be concluded owing to situation arising out of COVID-19.

Learned State counsel with reference to custody certificate submitted that petitioner is also involved in some jail offence in connection of Narcotics in FIR No.145 dated 23.05.2020 under Sections 21/61/85 of the NDPS Act read with Section 52-A of Prison Act at P.S. City Rupnagar and petitioner is not on bail in the said case.

Looking to the nature and quantity of contraband recovered, stage of trial and antecedent behaviour of the petitioner, I do not wish to grant indulgence. This petition is accordingly dismissed.

(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

July 30, 2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No