

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

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CRM-M No.13095 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: August 19th, 2020

Bittu

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. Chandan Singh Rana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. B.S. Sewak, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

(PROCEEDINGS THROUGH V.C.)

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner has approached this Court for grant of regular bail in FIR No.96 dated 30.12.2019 registered under Section 21 of NDPS Act at Police Station Talwandi Bhai, District Ferozepur.

As per the custody certificate dated 18.08.2020 received through Officiating Deputy Superintendent, Central Jail, Ferozepur, petitioner has been in custody for 7 months and 16 days. Although there is another case under the Excise Act, which is stated to be registered against the petitioner but the counsel for the petitioner has sent through email an order dated 06.06.2019 passed by the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Ferozepur, whereby the petitioner stands acquitted in the said FIR.

In the light of the above and keeping in view the fact that present is a sole case under the NDPS Act against the petitioner and he has completed more than 7 months and 16 days in custody, with the trial not likely to conclude in near future, the present petition is allowed.

Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Ferozepur.

Any observations made hereinabove are for the purpose of disposal of the present petition alone and shall have no bearing on the merit of the case during the trial in any manner.

August 19th, 2020
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

Whether Reportable: No