

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

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CRM-M-13380-2020

Date of decision: 11.06.2020

Jaspal Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Chander Shekhar Sharma, 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-Jaspal Singh has filed the present petition inter alia praying for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.07 dated 12.01.2020 under Section 22-61-85 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Goraya, District Jalandhar Rural.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that apart from allegations of recovery of other capsules, it is also alleged that ALPRASAFE-05 was also allegedly recovered. Learned counsel for the petitioner, then submits that reading of the FIR would show that when the person was nabbed, he disclosed his name as Jagmeet Singh @ Tota. In the FIR, the name of the petitioner does not figure. He further submits that the

petitioner was arrested on 12.01.2020. He then submits that due to the present COVID-19 situation, retention of the petitioner in jail is dangerous to his life.

Learned State counsel however submits that challan in this case was presented on 05.06.2020. However, there are a total of 10 witnesses but none has been examined till date and the case is at the stage of framing of charge.

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 release 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