

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-13735-2020

Date of decision: 16.06.2020

Pushpinder Singh@ Noni

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Vijay K. Jindal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Sullar, DAG, 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-Pushpinder Singh @ Noni, stated to be aged 34 years, has filed the present petition inter alia with a prayer for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.75 dated 22.06.2019 under Sections 21, 22, 27-A & 29 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Batala, District Gurdaspur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been behind the bars for the last 13 years & 08 months. He submits that on the alleged date of incident and on the date, when FIR was registered i.e. 22.07.2019, he was already behind bars. Therefore, the petitioner has been falsely implicated and wrongly named in the FIR. Thus, who were named in the FIR, were already in custody. He further submits that due to the present

COVID-19 situation, retention of the petitioner in jail would be dangerous to his life and also the fact that trial is likely to take some time, the petitioner is entitled for regular bail.

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 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