

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

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**CRM-M-13496-2020(O&M)
Date of Order:26.08.2020**

RAJ BIRENDER SINGH

..Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Manoj Tanwar, Advocate,
for the petitioner.
Mr. Chetan Sharma, AAG, Haryana

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

Hearing of the case was held through video conferencing on account of restricted functioning of the Courts.

This is second petition for grant of bail pending trial in a criminal case arising from FIR No.0056 dated 10.03.2019, registered under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Salhawas, District Jhajjar.

At the outset, it must be noticed that in the caption of the petition, the present petition has been described as the first bail application which is factually incorrect. The petitioner previously also filed an application for grant of regular bail-CRM-M-29985 of 2019 which was dismissed as withdrawn on 22.07.2019.

Be that as it may.

As per the case of the prosecution, the petitioner, who is auto rickshaw driver, was found in conscious possession of 1.2 kg 'Charas'. The narcotic was concealed in a box beneath the seat.

It is undisputed that the alleged recovery from the petitioner falls in commercial quantity.

Learned State counsel has stated that the trial of the case has already commenced and the evidence of some of the prosecution witnesses has also been recorded.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, this court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner at this stage.

Dismissed.

However, the learned trial court is requested to make a sincere endeavour to conclude the trial expeditiously after normal functioning of the Courts resumes.

August 26, 2020
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	: Yes/No
Whether reportable	: Yes/No