

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

CRM-M No.13511 of 2020

Date of decision : August 27, 2020

Gurpreet Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANT PARKASH

Present:- Mr. D.S. Virk, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Pardeep Parkash Chahar, DAG, Haryana.

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since the proceedings are being conducted in virtual court)*

SANT PARKASH, J. (ORAL)

Through the present petition, the petitioner seeks concession of regular bail in FIR No.21, dated 15.02.2020, under Section 22-C of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Odhan, District Sirsa.

The brief allegations of the prosecution are that Gurdeep Singh and Jharmal Singh, who were apprehended having in possession of 3600 tablets of Tramadol Hydrochloride. On interrogation, they disclosed that they had purchased the same from the present petitioner, namely, Gurpreet Singh, who was arrested and further disclosed that he had purchased the said tablets from one Gagandeep.

It is contended that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case; no recovery has been effected from him and that he is not involved in any criminal case of similar nature. The petitioner has been involved in the present case merely on the basis of disclosure statements of

Gurdeep Singh and Jharmal Singh. The challan has already been presented and the present petitioner is in judicial custody since 15.02.2020. The trial of the case will take sufficient long time on account of the prevailing COVID-19 situation.

As against this, the contention has been opposed by learned State counsel and it is contended that the offence committed by the present petitioner is very serious in nature and he does not deserve the concession of regular bail.

After having heard the learned counsel for the parties and perusing the case file, this Court is of the considered opinion that the present petitioner is definitely entitled to the concession of regular bail. Admittedly, no recovery was effected from him. The only incriminating evidence against him is the disclosure statements of the co-accused, from whom, the recovery was effected. Even Gagandeep, from whom the present petitioner allegedly purchased the contraband, has been granted the concession of anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 20.07.2020 passed in CRM-M No.11935 of 2020.

Taking into consideration all the facts and circumstances, the present petition is allowed. Petitioner, namely, Gurpreet Singh, is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

**(SANT PARKASH)
JUDGE**

August 27, 2020

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Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:

Yes / No