

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-13723-2020
Date of decision: 16.06.2020

Raman

....Petitioner

versus

State of U.T., Chandigarh

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

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

Mr. Amit Kumar Goyal, AAP, U.T.

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-Raman who is stated to be aged 30 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* praying for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.47 dated 14.02.2017, under Section 21/29 of NDPS Act, Sections 25/54/59 of Arms Act, Sections 467, 473, 120-B of IPC, registered at Police Station Sector 39, Chandigarh.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody for the last more than 03 years. He submits that even the alleged recovery, as per him is non commercial.

Learned counsel for U.T., however, submits that the alleged recovery is commercial in nature.

Learned counsel for the petitioner then submits that because of the present COVID-19 situation and also the fact that trial is likely to take some time, detention of the petitioner in jail is dangerous to his life. Therefore, petitioner is entitled for regular bail.

In view of the peculiar facts as noticed above, considering the existing situation due to COVID-19 and the fact that trial is likely to take some time, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the release of 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 of opinion on merits of the case.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

16.06.2020

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No