

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

CRM-M-13873-2020

Date of decision : June 16, 2020

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.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. A.S. Gulati, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, DAG, Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to the outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

The petitioner prays for bail pending trial in FIR No. 03 dated 11.01.2020 under Sections 20/29/61/85 Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act registered at Police Station City Kurali, District SAS Nagar.

It is submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case. Recovery has been made from the spot from three other accused namely Ravinder Mahto, Parvesh Kumar and Rakesh Kumar. The petitioner was not present on the spot and he is sought to be implicated in this case solely on the basis of the disclosure statement of the co-accused to the effect that they were proceeding to sell the recovered narcotic substance i.e. 34 kg ganja to the present petitioner. It is argued that there is no other evidence on record against the petitioner, who is not involved in any other criminal case. It is, thus, prayed that this petition be allowed.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Learned counsel for the State, on telephonic instructions from SI Simran Singh affirms and verifies that no other palpable evidence has come on record against the petitioner, except the disclosure statement of the petitioner. No recovery etc. has been effected from the petitioner. It is further verified that the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case.

There are no allegations on behalf of the State that petitioner is likely to abscond or that he is likely to dissuade the witnesses from deposing true facts in the Court, if released on bail.

No useful purpose shall be served by keeping the petitioner incarcerated any longer. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances noted above but without expressing any opinion on the merits of case, it is considered just and expedient to allow this petition.

Consequently, the petitioner be released on bail pending trial subject to his furnishing requisite bail bonds and surety to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate, SAS Nagar.

It is reiterated that none of the observations made herein above are a reflection on the merits of the case and shall have no bearing on the trial.

June 16, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned :
Whether reportable :

(Lisa Gill)
Judge
Yes/No
Yes/No