

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

CRM-M-14612-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 26.10.2020

Manpreet Singh @ Mani

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- None for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 89 dated 19.07.2019, registered under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Bhikhi Mansa, District Mansa.

It is submitted on behalf of the petitioner that as per the allegations in the FIR, the petitioner, along with co-accused Rammu, was sitting under a shed at the Bus Stand, where the police party, on suspicion, checked them and recovered 13500 tablets of *Alprazolam* and 12500 tablets of *Tramadol*.

The only ground taken by the petitioner is that he is in judicial custody since 19.07.2019 and proper procedure was not followed during investigation.

Learned State counsel submits that though it was a chance recovery, the proper procedure was followed as a Gazetted Officer, i.e. DSP,

was called at the spot.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate, according to which, apart from the present FIR, the petitioner is involved in as many as six more FIRs, out of which, two FIRs are under the NDPS Act and others are either under IPC or Punjab Excise Act.

After hearing learned State counsel and perusing the petition as well as the custody certificate, considering the heavy recovery effected from the petitioner as well as the fact that petitioner is involved in number of cases, I find no ground to grant him concession of regular bail.

Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed.

26.10.2020

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No