

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-16709-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 14.07.2020

Manjeet Singh @ Raja

... Petitioner

VS.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. Yashpal Thakur, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. BS Sewak, AAG Punjab

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

Petitioner-Manjeet Singh @ Raja has filed the present petition *inter alia* praying for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.131 dated 30.04.2020 under Sections 21/22 of NDPS Act, 1985 and Section 188 of IPC registered at PS Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

Learned counsel at the outset submits that the petitioner was arrested on 30.04.2020. He submits that since then till date, the challan has not been presented. He further submits that report of the FSL has not yet been presented. Reliance has been placed on an order passed by this Court dated 10.07.2020 passed in **CRM-M-16562-2020 (Jagtar Singh vs. State of Punjab)** wherein while referring to a Division Bench decision rendered in **Inderjeet Singh @ Laddi & Ors. vs. State of Punjab 2014(3) RCR (Crl.) 953**, it was held that interim bail can be granted till the report of FSL is received.

Learned counsel then submits that in view of this, the petition be considered and interim bail may be granted. He undertakes that the

petitioner shall surrender before the concerned Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate when it is communicated to him that FSL report has been received.

Learned State counsel, however, submits that recovery in this case made from the bag is commercial in nature and it is a case of conscious possession.

In view of the above, the petitioner is directed to be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing heavy bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned. It is made clear that on receipt of information that FSL report has been received, petitioner shall surrender immediately before the concerned Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate. It is made clear that on receipt of FSL report and finding the same to be incriminating, the petitioner shall surrender before the concerned CJM/Duty Magistrate forthwith.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

14.07.2020

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**(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge**

1. *Whether speaking/reasoned?*
2. *Whether reportable?*

Yes/No
Yes/No