HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-15831-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 03.07.2020

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Bhim Singh ... Petitioner

VS.

State of Haryana ... Respondent

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

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Present: Mr. Yashveer Kharb, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Sukhdeep Parmar, DAG, Haryana

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GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

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

The petitioner Bhim Singh who is stated to be aged 32 years has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail. He has been allegedly involved in case FIR No.38 dated 07.02.2020 under Sections 20/29 of the NDPS Act registered at PS Parao Ambala Cantt.

Learned counsel based upon the pleadings submits that he was arrested on 07.02.2020. The challan in this case has been presented but no substantial progress has taken place since then. Counsel submits that the petitioner was not named in the FIR and the recovery was also from the conscious possession of Darshan Singh. He further submits that there is no other case against the petitioner.

Notice of motion.

On the asking, Mr. Sukhdeep Parmar, DAG, Haryana accepts notice through video conferencing.

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Counsel then submits that due to COVID situation retention of the petitioner in jail is dangerous to his life and otherwise also the trial is likely to take some time.

In view of the above, this Court deems it appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Duty Magistrate/trial court concerned.

It is also made clear that in case the petitioner is found involved in any other case or if the above averments are found to be incorrect, the prosecution shall be at liberty to apply for cancellation of bail.

However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed to be an expression on merits of the case.

Disposed of.

03.07.2020 **(Girish Agnihotri)**
vishal shonkar **Judge**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned? ***Yes/No***
2. Whether reportable? *Yes/No*

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