

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

CRM-M-16672 of 2020

Date of Decision: 14.07.2020

Charanjit Singh @ Channi

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. J.S.Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C.
for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.259 dated 22.12.2019 registered
under Section 21 of NDPS Act, 1985, at Police Station Kotwali, District
Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner
along with other co-accused was arrested on 22.12.2019 with 260 grams of
heroin which is marginally above the commercial quantity. Third accused
Sandeep Singh was arrested on 23.01.2020.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr. DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of
the respondent-State.

On instructions from ASI Sandhura Singh, learned State
counsel has pointed out that the petitioner is in custody since 22.12.2019.
The challan has been presented on 18.05.2020 and now the case is fixed for
17.10.2020. He has not disputed the fact that the recovery effected from the

petitioner and his co-accused is marginally above the commercial quantity.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner is in custody since 22.12.2019. Trial of the case would take time to conclude. Therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

14.07.2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No