

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

**CRM-M-17490-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 10.07.2020**

Sahib Singh Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN

Present : Mr. Mohinder Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Randhir Singh Thind, DAG, Punjab

RAMENDRA JAIN, J. (Oral)

Case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Through instant petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. prayer has been made for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in a case arising from FIR No.01 dated 12.06.2017, registered under Sections 59 (2) (b), 21, 22 of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, read with Sections 218, 466, 471, 120-B, 384, 409, 482 IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act, at Police Station Special Task Force, Phase IV, Mohali, District SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab.

According to prosecution, petitioner in conspiracy with Inspector of Police Inderjit Singh (main accused), under undue pressure, got executed a sale deed from Kuljeet Kaur, widow of Gurjeet Singh (deceased), smuggler of narcotics, in favour of his brother in law Balwinder Singh with fraudulent intention to grab her

property.

Learned counsel contends that petitioner is not the signatory to the disputed sale deed. He has falsely been implicated while he was in jail in some other case. In all the other cases, registered against him under NDPS Act, he has either been acquitted or discharged. Out of 58 witnesses, only 18 have been examined. Petitioner is in custody since 22.06.2017. Conclusion of trial may take a sufficient long time. No useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner any more in jail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel vehemently opposed the grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

Considering overall facts and circumstances, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed. Consequently, petitioner Sahib Singh is ordered to be released on bail during pendency of trial, if not required in any other case, on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

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(RAMENDRA JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No