

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

209**CRM-M No.17784 of 2020****Date of decision:27.08.2020**

Bahadur Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr. Aman Deep Singh Rai, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, AAG, Punjab.

SUVIR SEHGAL J. (ORAL)

The Court has been convened through video conferencing due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.96, dated 19.05.2020 registered under Section 22 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985 at Police Station Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that petitioner is in custody since 19.05.2020, no recovery was effected from him. Learned counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that FSL report has not yet been received by the prosecution agency.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from Inspector Balwinder Singh, does not refute the fact that FSL report has not been received so far.

Thereupon, learned counsel for the petitioner has restricted his

prayer made in the petition to interim bail till receipt of FSL Report.

In view of the fact that the FSL report in the case has not been received so far and in view of observations of this Court in Para No.54 of the judgment passed by a Division Bench of this Court in ***Inderjeet Singh @ Laddi and others Vs. State of Punjab: 2014(3) RCR (Criminal) 953*** but without commenting on merits of the case, I am of the considered view that the petitioner deserves the concesion of interim regular bail till receipt of FSL report.

Therefore, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on interim bail till receipt of FSL report on furnishing of bail bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned. On receipt of FSL report, the petitioner shall apply for regular bail before the trial Court which shall be at liberty to decide the same in accordance with law keeping in view the FSL report.

27.08.2020

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**(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE**

Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No