

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

CRM-M-19440-2020

Date of decision:16.12.2020

Hardeep Singh @ Raju @ Doctor

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Monty Goyal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Sullar, DAG, Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Status report by way of an affidavit dated 12.12.2020 of Assistant Commissioner of Police, Financial Crime, Ludhiana, filed through email, is taken on record.

Through this petition, the petitioner seeks regular bail in case bearing FIR No.139 dated 25.08.2005 registered under Sections 15 and 25 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Dehlon, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner has been in custody for the last 1 year and 19 days and there is no headway in the trial. It is further stated that as a matter of fact no recovery was effected from the petitioner and the alleged recovery of 70 Kgs and 400 grams of poppy husk was planted upon the petitioner. It is further submitted that another FIR registered against the petitioner on 25.08.2005 alleging his escaping from the police custody is also a totally false case, as neither the

petitioner had ever absconded nor he had any intention not to appear before the court and, thus, the order declaring the petitioner as proclaimed offender has wrongly been passed.

On the other hand, learned State counsel states that in the present case petitioner remained absconding for a long span of 14 years i.e. from 25.08.2005 till 07.09.2019. He further states that apart from the aforesaid two FIRs, three more other cases stands registered against the petitioner, though not under the NDPS Act.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

There are, in total, five cases registered and pending against the petitioner. The petitioner appears to be a habitual offender. Merely, because there is only one case under the NDPS Act registered and pending against him is no ground to presume otherwise.

Keeping in view the criminal antecedents of the petitioner, as noticed above, no case for grant of regular bail is made out.

Dismissed.

16.12.2020
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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No