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

**CRM-M-19703-2020**

Date of decision: 04.12.2020

HARMAN SINGH @ BILLA

... Petitioner

versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA**

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Present: Ms. Arti Kaur, Advocate, for  
Mr. Rahul Bhargava, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Randhir Singh Thind, DAG, Punjab.

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**HARI PAL VERMA, J. (Oral)**

The matter has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of COVID-19.

Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, pending trial, in case FIR No.312 dated 23.11.2014 registered under Section 22 of NDPS Act at Police Station Sultanwind, District Amritsar.

The allegation against the petitioner is that 255 grams of intoxicant powder containing Alprazolam was recovered in the case from his possession.

Counsel for the petitioner states that petitioner is in custody for about 2 years and 4 months. There is no other case against him. The trial in the case is not likely to be concluded in the near future. As against 12

witnesses cited by the prosecution, only 4 witnesses have been examined so far.

Learned State counsel states that as per the custody certificate dated 29.10.2020, the custody of the petitioner comes to 2 years, 2 months and 24 days as on 29.10.2020.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Considering the fact that the petitioner being in custody for about 2 years and 4 months, there being no other case against him and the trial in the case will take long time, this Court deems it appropriate to admit the petitioner on bail.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is admitted on regular bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

It is made clear that in case the petitioner is found indulged in any case under the NDPS Act, the prosecution shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of his bail.

**(HARI PAL VERMA)**  
**JUDGE**

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