

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M No. 20696 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 11.08.2020

Amritpal Singh @ Bhindi

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Narinder S. Lucky, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Sr. DAG, Punjab
for respondent-State.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

The petitioner seeks regular bail in FIR No. 41 dated 21.3.2019 under Section 22 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Sadar Jalandhar, Police Commissionerate Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner has been in custody since 21.3.2019 and the evidence has not commenced yet. He further submits that 220 intoxicant capsules were allegedly recovered from the petitioner and co-accused and the recovery is marginally higher than the commercial quantity. Learned counsel also points out that the petitioner was earlier granted interim bail by the trial Court vide order dated 04.06.2019 awaiting the FSL report and the petitioner has not misused the

concession of bail and surrendered within the stipulated period. The co-accused Lovepreet Labbi has already been granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 30.06.2020 in CRM-M-17071 of 2020 in case titled '*Lovepreet Labbi versus State of Punjab*'.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Amit Mehta, Sr. DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State. He points out that there is no other case pending or decided against the petitioner.

I have heard the learned Counsel for the parties. The petitioner has been in custody since 21.3.2019. The evidence has not started yet. Moreover, co-accused Lovepreet Labbi has already been granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 30.06.2020 in CRM-M-17071 of 2020 in case titled '*Lovepreet Labbi versus State of Punjab*'. The trial will take time to conclude. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

Without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

11.08.2020

Rajeev (rvs)

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