

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

**CRM-M-20014 of 2019
Date of Decision:-16.01.2020**

Jagsir Singh alias Jagga

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Mr. Parminder Singh Sekhon, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sarabjit Singh Cheema, AAG, Punjab.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI J.(Oral)

Petitioner-Jagsir Singh @ Jagga has filed the present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail pending trial in case FIR No. 110 dated 23.7.2018, under Section 15 of NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Chhajali, District Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has *inter alia* has contended that the petitioner is in custody since 23.7.2018 and the alleged recovery against him is 100 kilograms of poppy husk. He has further submitted that the material witnesses have already been examined by the learned trial Court and therefore prays for grant of regular bail.

Per contra learned State counsel on instructions from HC Harmesh Singh has submitted that out of total 24 witnesses, the prosecution

has examined 12 witnesses. It is not disputed that the petitioner is in custody since 23.7.2018. It is also not disputed that the alleged recovery of 100 kilograms of poppy husk was effected from the swift car.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, this Court finds that the trial of the case is likely to consume considerable time and keeping in view the custodial period of the petitioner, his further custody may not be justified. Therefore, without meaning any expression of opinion on the merits of the case, it is ordered that the petitioner be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing requisite bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court, Sangrur.

The petition is allowed.

January 16, 2020
Vijay Asija

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes / No
Yes / No