

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-21364-2020 (O&M)
Date of Order:05.08.2020

Manjit Singh

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Jasvir Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

This is 3rd application for grant of bail pending trial in a criminal case arising from FIR No.148, dated 27.12.2018, registered under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Cantt Bathinda, District Bathinda.

As per the case of the prosecution, the petitioner was found in conscious possession of 1050 loose tablets containing "Tramadol Hydrochloride". The total weight comes to 343.948 grams which falls in the category of commercial quantity.

First application for grant of bail was dismissed as withdrawn on 12.07.2019, whereas second application was disposed of on 22.11.2019 by directing the trial court to conclude the trial expeditiously.

Hearing of the case was held through video conferencing on account of restricted functioning of the Courts.

Learned State counsel has informed the court that evidence of 3 prosecution witnesses has already been recorded. He further submitted that because of spread of noval corona virus and consequent restricted

functioning of the courts, deposition of the remaining witnesses, who are police officials, could not be recorded.

Keeping in view the facts of the case, this court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner in view of Section 37 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985. However, the learned trial court is requested to make a sincere endeavour to conclude the trial expeditiously after the normal functioning of the Courts resume.

Disposed of accordingly.

August 05, 2020
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

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