

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

CRM-M-21739-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision : 20.08.2020

Simranjeet Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Ms. S.K. Manchanda, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing in the light of the pandemic COVID-19 situation and as per instructions.

The instant petition has been preferred under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking bail in FIR No.0140 dated 08.10.2019, registered under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short, 'the NDPS Act') at P.S. Bareta, District Mansa.

Contents that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the instant case. He was picked up from his house on 07.10.2019 and framed in the instant case on the next day. He has been shown to be driver of the vehicle by which the narcotic drugs were being carried. Co-accused Singara Singh has already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 20.07.2020. The petitioner is in custody since 08.10.2019. He is not involved in any other case.

On the other hand, learned State counsel has opposed the

instant petition. It is contended that the petitioner was arrested from the

spot. The trial is in progress and out of 14 prosecution witnesses, 2 have already been examined.

Heard.

The petitioner is in custody since 08.10.2019. He is a first offender and is not involved in any other case. Co-accused Singara Singh has already been admitted to bail by this Court. Out of 14 prosecution witnesses, only 02 have have been examined so far, therefore, it can safely be inferred that the conclusion of may take a considerable time. Therefore, this Court feels that no useful purpose would be achieved by keeping the petitioner under further incarceration.

In view of the above and without adverting to the merits of the instant case, this petition is allowed. The petitioner be admitted to bail during the pendency of the trial, on furnishing bail bonds in the sum of Rs.50,000/- with two local sureties in the like amount, to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

However, anything noticed hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

20.08.2020

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned : Yes No

Whether Reportable : Yes No