

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

**CRM-M-21780-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 07.08.2020**

Rajinder Singh @ Lovely Bhalla

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN

Present : Mr. Sukhjot Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Bhupinder Beniwal, AAG, Punjab.

RAMENDRA JAIN, J. (Oral)

Case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to the outbreak of Pandemic COVID-19.

Through instant petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. prayer has been made for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in a case arising from FIR No.179 dated 29.07.2019, registered under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Islamabad, District Amritsar.

Petitioner is facing trial in the aforesaid FIR on the allegations that on 29.07.2019, he was apprehended with conscious possession of 200 intoxicant tablets, without any permit or licence.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that alleged recovery falls under the category of “non-commercial quantity”. Petitioner is in custody since 29.07.2019. Conclusion of

trial may take a sufficient long time. No useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner any more in jail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel vehemently opposed the grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

Considering overall facts and circumstances, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed. Consequently, petitioner Rajinder Singh @ Lovely Bhalla is ordered to be released on bail during pendency of trial, if not required in any other case, on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

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(RAMENDRA JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No