

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

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**CRM-M-22438-2020(O&M)
Date of Order: 07.10.2020**

Pawanjeet Singh

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

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

Mr. Randhir S. Thind, DAG, Punjab

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

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

The petitioner-Pawanjeet Singh son of Partap Singh prays for grant of bail pending trial in a criminal case arising from FIR No.57, dated 07.05.2020, registered under Section 18/29/61/85 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Maqsudan Jalandhar, District Jalandhar.

As per the case of the prosecution, Lakhvir Singh and Angrej Singh were apprehended with 18 Kgs 'Opium' from their truck. It is alleged that the petitioner and Balwinder Singh were to come and collect the consignment of narcotics. The petitioner has been nominated as an accused on the disclosure statement of a co-accused.

The status report has been filed by the Deputy Superintendent of Police in response to the petition, wherein it has been submitted that the police has procured the call location details of the petitioner-Pawanjeet

Singh. It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner was apprehended on 08.05.2020. There is no recovery from the petitioner. A Coordinate Bench in Balwinder Singh Vs. State of Punjab, CRM-M-30159-2020 decided on 06.10.2020, granted bail to Balwinder Singh against whom the allegations are identical.

Sh. Randhir Singh Thind, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, on instructions from SI Surinder Singh, that the petitioner is not a person with any other criminal antecedents.

The petitioner is in detention since 08.05.2020. On conclusion of the investigation, the challan has been presented. The conclusion of the trial is likely to take time.

Without commenting on the merits of the case and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 08.05.2020 and conclusion of the trial is likely to take time, the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail subject to furnishing of adequate surety to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed with the aforesaid directions.

October 07, 2020
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

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