

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

CRM-M-22924-2020
Date of Decision : 18.08.2020

Gurpreet Singh @ Preet Petitioner
Versus

State of Punjab Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN

Present : Mr. H.P.S.Sidhu, 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 this second 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.243 dated 24.11.2018, registered under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station City Moga, District Moga.

Petitioner is facing trial in the aforesaid FIR on the allegations that on 24.11.2018, petitioner was apprehended with conscious possession of 260 grams intoxicant powder, without any permit or licence.

Learned counsel *inter alia* contends that the quantity allegedly recovered from the petitioner is marginally above the non-commercial quantity. Petitioner is in custody since 24.11.2018.

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 Gurpreet Singh @ Preet 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