

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

**CRM-M-22489-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision:28.08.2020**

Avtar Singh @ Jugnu

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. Rishu Mahajan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. A.S. Sandhu, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA J.(Oral)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Petitioner seeks benefit of regular bail pending trial in FIR No.374 dated 21.10.2015 registered under Section 22 of NDPS Act at Police Station A Division, District Amritsar.

Counsel for the parties have been heard.

During the course of arguments it stands conceded that the alleged recovery effected from the petitioner would be construed as non-commercial in nature. Petitioner had initially been granted the benefit of interim bail but having evaded trial proceedings he was declared a proclaimed offender in the year 2016. He, thereafter, was arrested on 02.09.2019 and has now faced incarceration for a period of almost 1 year.

Trial is not making much headway on account of the current Covid-19 Pandemic.

Without making any observations on merits and keeping in view the length of incarceration already suffered, petitioner is held entitled to the benefit of bail.

Petitioner be enlarged on bail subject to her furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, Amritsar.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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