

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

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CRM-M No.22771 of 2020

Date of Decision: September 24th, 2020

Ranjit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASI

Present: Mr. Amit Choudhary, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Munish Sharma, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana.

(PROCEEDINGS THROUGH V.C.)

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASI, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.282 dated 03.11.2019 registered under Section 22(c) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Sadar, Ratia, District Fatehabad.

On the last date of hearing, counsel for the State was directed to inform as to whether there is any other evidence on record to connect the petitioner with the commission of the offence apart from the disclosure statement of co-accused Malkiat Singh and Kuldeep.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Rissal Singh, Police Station Sadar, Ratia, District Fatehabad, states that there is no other evidence against the petitioner. He further states that this is the only case registered against the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner asserts that the petitioner is in custody since 01.01.2020 and the trial is not likely to complete in near future because of the prevailing circumstances, where the Courts are working in a restricted mode and, therefore, the petitioner be granted the concession of bail.

Counsel for the State, on the other hand, contends that the

petitioner is a supplier of the narcotic drugs and he has been specifically named

by the co-accused. He, therefore, contends that the petitioner be not granted the concession of bail.

I have considered the submissions made by the counsel for the parties and keeping in view the fact that except for the disclosure statement, as of now there is nothing on the record to connect the petitioner with the commission of the offence. He is in custody since 01.01.2020, with no recovery having been effected from him. The trial is not likely to proceed in the matter because of the restrictive working of the Courts below and there being no case against the petitioner except for the present one, the present petition is allowed.

Petitioner is directed to be released on bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Fatehabad.

Any observations made hereinabove are for the purpose of disposal of the present petition alone and shall have no bearing on the merit of the case during the trial in any manner.

September 24th, 2020
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

Whether Reportable: No