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Covid-19 Pandemic)**

CRM-M-24697-2020

Date of Decision: 28.08.2020

SATNAM SINGH

... PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB

.. RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Present : Mr. Gurpal Singh Sandhu, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S.Multani, AAG, Punjab.

VIVEK PURI, J.(ORAL)

Through instant petition, the petitioner is seeking regular bail in case FIR No. 16 dated 31.01.2018 registered under Section 22 of the NDPS Act at Police Station Sri Mukhtsar Sahib, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Briefly, the aforesaid FIR has been registered in pursuance of the recovery of 26 bottles of onerex and 260 tablets of wallace.

It has been stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is in custody for the last more than two years and 06 months and the trial is not progressing on account of Covid-19 Pandemic.

On the contrary, it has been stated by learned State counsel that 2.6 kg of codeine has been recovered from the possession of the petitioner which falls in the category of commercial quantity. The prosecution evidence has already been concluded, the statement of the petitioner under Section 313 Cr.P.C. has been recorded and the matter is now fixed for defence evidence.

The entire prosecution evidence has already been concluded and the recovery in the instant case falls in the category of commercial quantity. As such, stringent provisions of Section 37 of the NDPS Act comes into play. There is nothing to suggest that petitioner has not committed the offence and not likely to commit the offence, if released on bail.

Dismissed.

28.08.2020
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(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

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