

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

**CRM-M-24079-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 25.08.2020**

Ram Karan Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN

Present : Ms. Harpreet Kaur Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sumit Gupta, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

RAMENDRA JAIN, J. (Oral)

Case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to the outbreak of Pandemic COVID-19.

Through this 2nd 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.409 dated 05.12.2018, registered under Section 15 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Ladwan, District Kurukshetra., District Kurukshetra.

Petitioner is facing trial in the aforesaid FIR on the allegations that on 04.12.2018, he was apprehended with conscious possession of 217 Kgs. of poppy husk, without any permit or licence.

Learned counsel *inter alia* contends that petitioner is in custody since 05.12.2018. 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 Ram Karan 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