

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

CRM-M-24065-2019 (O&M)

Date of decision: 03.11.2020

Sourav Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. B.S. Toor, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner prays for bail pending trial in a criminal case arising from FIR No.13, dated 03.03.2019, registered under Sections 22 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Mulepur, Police District Fatehgarh Sahib.

As per case of the prosecution, a Swift Car, with three occupants, was intercepted which led to recovery of 19500 intoxicating tablets alongwith Rs.80,000/- in cash. The alleged recovery falls under the category of commercial quantity.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was merely a gratuitous passenger as he was neither the driver nor the owner of the car. He further submits that the petitioner is a person of clean antecedents.

On the other hand, Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab, has contended that the trial of the case has already made substantial progress as deposition of 14 prosecution witnesses has been recorded.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. Hence, the present petition is dismissed. However, learned trial Court is requested to expedite the trial of the case.

03.11.2020

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No