

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

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**CRM-M-27747-2020 (O&M)
Date of Order:18.09.2020**

Harjinder Singh @ Honey

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Sahil Goel, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr. DAG, Punjab

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

The hearing of the case was held through video conferencing on account of restricted functioning of the Courts.

This is second petition for grant of concession of regular bail to the petitioner pending trial in a criminal case arising from FIR No.228, dated 28.10.2018, registered under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station City Moga, District Moga.

As per the case of the prosecution, two persons were apprehended while they were going on a motorcycle. The petitioner was alleged to be found in possession of 1200 Alprazolam tablets IP XL-PAM 0.5, whereas from the other accused, was alleged to be found in possession of 800 such tablets.

Learned counsel for the State has pointed out that the motorcycle on which the petitioner and his co-accused were travelling, was also a stolen one and during investigation, 12 stolen motorcycles from the petitioner and 8 stolen motorcycles from his co-accused have been

recovered. He further points out that the petitioner is a habitual offender. He has 4 more criminal cases pending against him.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody for one year and 11 months and the trial of the case is not making any progress due to restricted functioning of the courts on account of spread of the Novel corona virus.

This court has considered the submissions.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts and without commenting on merits, this court is not inclined to grant the concession of bail to the petitioner, particularly in view of the provisions of Section 37 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Hence, dismissed.

September 18, 2020
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

: Yes/No
: Yes/No