

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

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CRM-M-27795-2020

Date of Decision: 21.09.2020

Navdeep Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Parminder Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vivek Saini, Additional AG, Haryana.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

Case has been taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing.

Present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C is for grant of regular bail to petitioner-**Navdeep Singh** in case F.I.R. No.489 dated 19.07.2020 under Sections 15 and 29 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Karnal, District Karnal.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that petitioner has no nexus whatsoever with the alleged offence. He further submits that allegedly 40 kilograms of poppy straw, which is non-commercial quantity, was recovered at the instance of petitioner. He further urges that petitioner-accused was not apprehended on the spot and he was roped in as accused on the disclosure statement of co-accused Manjeet Singh @ Fauji. He further urges that petitioner is in custody since 21.07.2020 and he is no more required by the Police for any investigation purpose. He further urges that challan has already been presented in the

Court and since consequent trial would take sufficient time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody further, thus, he may be released on bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel while opposing instant petition has vehemently argued that keeping in view seriousness of offence, petitioner does not deserve the concession of bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have carefully gone through the case file.

At this stage, without commenting anything on the merits of the case lest it may prejudice the outcome of the trial but taking into consideration the fact that petitioner is in custody since 21.07.2020; that petitioner is no more required by the Investigating Agency for investigation purpose; that challan has already been presented in Court and since consequent trial of the case would take sufficient time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner in custody further, thus, he deserves the concession of bail.

In view of above, instant petition for grant of regular bail moved by petitioner- **Navdeep Singh** is allowed and he is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Karnal, as the case may be.

21.09.2020

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(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes
Whether reportable	:	No