

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

**CRM-M-28218-2020 (O&M)**

**Date of Decision: 27.10.2020**

Laddi Singh

...Petitioner

**Versus**

State of Punjab

...Respondent

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANT PARKASH**

**Present:** Mr. B.S. Jatana, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. R.S. Thind, DAG, Punjab.

**SANT PARKASH, J.**

[The aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing since the proceedings are being conducted in virtual court.]

Petitioner prays for grant of regular bail in a pending case arising out of FIR No.151 dated 21.09.2019 registered under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station, Bhikhi, District Mansa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was allegedly found in possession of 1030 tablets of Alprazolam 0.5 in a transparent bag. He further submits that a concocted story was put forward by the police because in case any person intends to do the trading or to carry the contraband, then it would never be put in a transparent bag. He also submits that the petitioner is not involved in any other case till date.

Learned counsel for the State submits that at the time of consideration of regular bail there are so many factors to be taken into consideration. Possibility of influencing the witness is one of the elementary factor. He further submits that keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case, the petitioner does not deserve the concession of regular bail.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

As per the custody certificate dated 26.10.2020, the petitioner is in custody for more than 1 year and 1 month and is not involved in any other case under NDPS. It is also relevant in any case for deciding the bail application as to what is the stage of the case. In the present case, challan has been presented and no useful purpose would be served by further detaining the petitioner in custody. Moreover, conclusion of the trial will take some time keeping in view the prevailing pandemic situation.

Taking into consideration the totality of the circumstances and without commenting on the merits of the case, it is considered as appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate.

Petition stands allowed.

**27.10.2020**  
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**(SANT PARKASH)**  
**JUDGE**

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| Whether Reportable:        | Yes / No |