

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

CRM-M-31543-2020
Date of decision: 12.10.2020

FRANK @ FROCK ENROST

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Tarun Singhal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap, DAG, Punjab.

(Proceedings conducted through video conferencing).

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in a case registered against him vide FIR No.93 dated 20.8.2018 under Section 22 of NDPS Act at Police Station Kiratpur Sahib, District Rupnagar, wherein it has alleged that the petitioner was found in possession of 2 kilograms of ‘*Heroin*’.
2. The Learned State counsel upon instructions from SI Dalbir Singh has informed that the trial is virtually at its fag end inasmuch as not only the prosecution evidence as well as the statement of accused in terms of Section 313 Cr.P.C. has been recorded, in fact statements of some DWs have also been recorded.
3. In view of the aforesaid position, this Court does not deem it appropriate to grant regular bail to the petitioner bail at this stage. However, the trial

Court is directed to take necessary steps as may be possible during the present times on account of spread of pandemic for expediting the trial provided that counsel for the accused extends full cooperation for the same. In case, any defence witness is to be examined, the trial Court may record such statement either by physical process, if found safe and convenient subject to adherence of all the safeguards as prescribed by the Health Authorities or may explore the possibility of recording the same through video conferencing subject to the condition that defence counsel extends utmost cooperation for the same. The petition is thus disposed off with the aforesaid directions.

(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

12.10.2020
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Whether reasoned / speaking? **Yes / No**

Whether reportable? **Yes / No**