

Iqbal Mohamad

..... Petitioner (s)

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent (s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. J.S. Thakur, Advocate  
for petitioner.  
Mr. Randhir Singh Thind, DAG Punjab.

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HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

The case is taken up through video conferencing on account of COVID 2019.

This is a petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of bail in case FIR No. 156, dated 6.10.2018, registered under Section 15 of NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Bhogpur, Jalandhar.

As per allegation in FIR, 20 kg of poppy husk was recovered from Activa scooter in which petitioner alongwith co accused Harbhajan Singh was travelling.

Learned counsel for petitioner relies upon order dated 14.9.2020 passed by this Court in CRM-M-26721-2020 wherein co accused of petitioner namely Harbhajan Singh alias Bhajja has been directed to be released on bail. Petitioner is similarly situated.

In view thereof and considering the fact that petitioner is in custody since 6.10.2018 and the fact that trial of case may take a long time and particularly in view of situation prevailing on account of COVID 2019, no useful purpose will be served by detaining petitioner behind bars till the conclusion of trial. Accordingly, petition is allowed. Petitioner Iqbal Mohamad is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)  
JUDGE

16.10.2020

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