

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-31111-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 08.10.2020

Gurpreet Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Mandeep Kumar Dhot, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of restrictions due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner-Gurpreet Singh, stated to be aged 30 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.267 dated 31.07.2020, registered under Section 22/29/61/85 of NDPS Act, at Police Station Sadar Dhuri, District Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, at the outset, submits that the petitioner has not been named in the FIR. He submits that the only allegation against the petitioner is that nearly 30 tablets were sold to him, which is not commercial. He then submits that as on date, the FSL report has yet not been received. He further submits that the petitioner was arrested on 31.07.2020 and he is in custody since then. Learned counsel

however submits that in view of the above, the petition be considered and interim bail may be granted. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner will surrender before the concerned Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, when it is communicated to him that FSL report has been received.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further relies on the judgment dated 05.06.2020, passed by this Court in “**CRM-M-12836-2020** titled as ***Harjit Singh vs. State of Punjab.***”

In view of the above, the petitioner is directed to be released on interim bail till the expiry of seven days from receipt of FSL report/intimation from the Investigating Officer, subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned. It is made clear that on receipt of FSL report and finding the same to be incriminating, the petitioner shall surrender before the concerned CJM/Duty Magistrate forthwith.

Accordingly, the present petition stands disposed of.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

08.10.2020

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No