

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

Sr. No.214

CRM-M-33052-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 28.10.2020

Umar Saleem

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. P.S. Sekhon, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J.(Oral)

The petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.29 dated 23.2.2020, registered at Police Station City Rampura, District Bathinda, under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioner has been in custody for more than 07 months. The trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as even, charges have not yet been framed. Similarly situated co-accused, namely, Mohammad Shahid, has been granted regular bail by this Court. Thus, the petitioner may be released on regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 27.10.2020 has been produced in Court today and the same is taken on record. According to this certificate, the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 07 months and 29 days and there is no other criminal case pending against him.

Learned State counsel concedes that charges have not yet been framed and that similarly situated co-accused, namely, Mohammad Shahid, has been granted regular bail.

In view of principle of parity, the petitioner also deserves to be granted regular bail. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

28.10.2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No