

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

CRM-M-33658-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 03.11.2020

Hakikat Rai Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. R.A. Sheoran, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner prays for bail pending trial in a criminal case arising from FIR No.7, dated 22.03.2018, registered under Sections 18/29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station STF, SAS Nagar, District SAS Nagar.

As per the case of the prosecution, three accused including the petitioner were apprehended with 15 Kg opium. The petitioner is a retired Deputy Superintendent of Police.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab, has informed the Court that the trial of the case has already commenced and the deposition of substantial number of prosecution witnesses has been examined,

although, learned counsels are at variance with regard to the exact number of prosecution witnesses already examined.

Be that as it may. Keeping in view the facts of the case, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. Hence, the present petition is dismissed. However, learned trial Court is requested to expedite the trial of the case.

03.11.2020

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No