

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

CRM-M-30903-2019
Date of decision: 12.02.2020

Ved Parkash @ Veda Sharma

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. G. S. Nahel, Advocate for
Mr. S. K. Dhanda, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M. S. Nagra, AAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 42 dated 10.03.2019, registered under Sections 15C and 16 of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Raman, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per the allegations in the FIR, which was registered on a secret information, the petitioner had planted poppy plants in his residential house and thereafter, the police conducted a raid and recovered 11 Kgs. of poppy plants from the petitioner.

Learned State counsel, on the basis of the custody certificate dated 18.12.2019, which is on record, has not disputed the factual position and submitted that out of total 14 prosecution witnesses, chief-in-examination of only two witnesses has been conducted so far. As per said

custody certificate, the petitioner is in judicial custody since 02.04.2019 and he is involved in one more similar FIR, however, he is on bail in that case.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering the aforesaid submissions of learned counsel for the parties and also in view of the fact that petitioner is in judicial custody since 02.04.2019 and conclusion of trial is likely to take some time, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

12.02.2020

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No