

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-36468-2020

Date of decision : 12.11.2020

Manpreet Singh alias Monu

..... Petitioner (s)

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent (s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. Chetan Bansal, Advocate
for petitioner.
Mr. Rana Harjasdeep Singh, 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. 175, dated 26.5.2014, registered under Section 21 of NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Civil Lines, Amritsar.

The allegations against petitioner are that he was found in possession of 70 gram Diphenoxylate powder.

Petitioner is in custody since 5.4.2018. The investigation in case is complete. Out of 11 witnesses, 6 witnesses have been examined and thereafter, trial has not made any headway because of COVID 2019.

Without commenting anything on merit of case and also bearing in mind the fact that petitioner is in custody since 5.4.2018 and trial of case has not made any headway because of COVID 2019, no useful purpose will be served by detaining petitioner behind bars till the conclusion of trial. Accordingly, petition is allowed. Petitioner Manpreet Singh alias Monu 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/Illaq Magistrate concerned.

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

12.11.2020

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Whether reasoned order : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No