

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

CRM-M-39637-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 03.12.2020

Ashok Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE H.S. MADAAN

Present: Mr. K.L. Saini, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Surender Singh, AAG, Haryana.

H.S. MADAAN, J. (Oral)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

This third petition for regular bail has been filed by petitioner Ashok Kumar, an accused in FIR No.272 dated 03.10.2019, for offences under Sections 20(b) and 27-A of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered with Police Station City Ratia, Tehsil Tohana, District Fatehabad.

The first petition for regular bail filed by petitioner was dismissed, vide detailed order dated 03.03.2020, passed in CRM-M-8046-2020 and the second petition had been dismissed, vide order dated 25.08.2020, passed in CRM-M-23876-2020. There has not been any change in circumstances since then, which might have warranted consideration of the matter of grant of regular bail to the petitioner afresh.

As regards, contention of learned counsel for the petitioner that on

account of outbreak of COVID-19, the functioning of the Courts at district level had been affected, the same is not as per factual position, since physical hearings in the Courts at district level have been ordered to be resumed by the High Court. It being so, it is expected that the trial Court shall make earnest efforts to conclude the trial at the earliest, since the petitioner is in custody. However, the present petition is doomed for failure and is dismissed accordingly.

03.12.2020

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(H.S. MADAAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No