

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

**CRM-M-36345-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 16.01.2020**

Jaswinder Singh Petitioner
Versus

State of Punjab Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN

Present : Mr. Navraj Singh, Advocate
for Mr. G.P.S.Ghuman, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. N.K.Banka, DAG, Punjab.

RAMENDRA JAIN, J. (Oral)

Through instant petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. prayer has been made for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in a case arising from FIR No.48 dated 03.08.2018, registered under Sections 15 of NDPS Act, 1985, at Police Station Sanaur, District Patiala.

According to prosecution, on 03.08.2018, petitioner alongwith Gurmail Singh (since deceased) was apprehended with conscious possession of 55 kg. of poppy husk, without any permit or licence.

Learned counsel contends that as on date, only examination-in-chief of one prosecution witness has been got recorded by the prosecution. The petitioner is in custody since 03.08.2018. Conclusion of trial may take a sufficient long time. No useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner any more in jail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel vehemently opposed the grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

Considering overall facts and circumstances, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. Consequently, petitioner Jaswinder Singh is ordered to be released on bail during pendency of trial, if not required in any other case, on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

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(RAMENDRA JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No