

**202-1 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M No.38721 of 2019
Date of Decision:30.09.2020**

NARENDER SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Sanchit Punia, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramesh Kumar Ambavta, AAG, Haryana.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Reply by way of affidavit of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Ellenabad, has been filed through e-mail. Print out of the same is taken on record.

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.226 dated 27.06.2019 registered under Sections 22(c) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985 at Police Station Rania, District Sirsa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner has been nominated on the disclosure statement of Vikas. The petitioner has taken the D-Pharmacy licence from Ramchander on the payment of rent of Rs.3000/- and started the medicines shop under the name of Haryana

Medicos. He has been falsely implicated in the present case and has been in custody since 21 July, 2019. The trial is not likely to conclude on account of the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further relies upon the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of **Surinder Kumar Khanna vs. Intelligence Officer Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, 2018, AIR SC 3574.**

Learned State counsel has stated that the petitioner and Vikas were in constant touch with each other as per the called details. He has not disputed the fact regarding the custody period of the petitioner and further states that the out of 20 only 3 witnesses have been examined.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

In view of the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner has been in custody since 21 July, 2019; out of 20 witnesses 3 have been examined and that the trial of the case may take time to conclude as the country continues to plunge into the global pandemic, Covid-19, this Court finds that no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

September 30, 2020

Jyoti Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No Whether Reportable Yes/No