

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

**CRM-M No.49664 of 2019
Date of Decision : 17.09.2020**

Pippal Singh @ Billa

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present : Mr. Kamal Narula, Advocate
for the Petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Nagra, Asstt. Advocate General, Punjab
for the Respondent/State.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

The instant Petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking Regular Bail on behalf of the Petitioner in case FIR No.74, dated 25th July, 2019, registered under Section 21/25 of the NDPS Act, 1985, at Police Station Sadar Moga, District Moga.

2. The recovery from the Petitioner individually in this case as alleged happens to be 15 grams of Heroin which is well below the commercial quantity.

3. Co-accused, namely Gajjan Singh from whom the alleged recovery was substantially higher, was granted Regular Bail by this Court on 8th September, 2020 in CRM-M No.23199 of 2020, after passing a detailed reasoned order.

4. The Petitioner has undergone the same period of custody in the present case to that of his co-accused-Gajjan Singh.

5. There is no record of Petitioner's involvement in any other case under the NDPS Act, on account of which, this Court is of the opinion that he is not likely to commit a similar offence, if released on bail, at this stage.

6. In the circumstances, without commenting upon the other merits of the case and keeping in view the fact that the trial is likely to take a considerable time to conclude in view of the on-going Covid-19 Pandemic, at this stage, this Court is of the opinion that further detention of the Petitioner for an indefinite period is not justified. As such, he is ordered to be released on bail subject to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

7. Disposed off.

September 17, 2020
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(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No