

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

Sr. No.202

**CrI. Misc. No.M-50845 of 2019 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION: 07.10.2020**

MANJINDER @ HENNY

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Sandeep Siwach, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Munish Sharma, AAG, Haryana.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 21 dated 21.01.2016 registered at Police Station City Tohana, District Fatehabad, under Sections 21-C, 27-A of NDPS Act, 1985 and Sections 18-A, 18-C of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody for more than three and a half years. Although, the trial is at the stage of defence evidence and arguments, no proceedings are being held on account of the on-going Covid-19 pandemic. Thus, the petitioner may be released on regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 05.10.2020 has been produced in Court. The same is taken on record. According to this certificate, the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 03 years, 07 months and 15 days and there is no other criminal case pending against him.

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Learned State counsel concedes that the trial is currently at a standstill. Thus, keeping in view the period of custody already undergone and there is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner, I deem it appropriate to grant him regular bail.

Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

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Since regular bail of the petitioner has been allowed. Therefore, this application has been rendered infructuous. The same is disposed of accordingly.

07.10.2020

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**(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No