

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

**CRM-M-51015-2019
Date of decision-30.01.2020**

Satvir Singh

....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. J.S.Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Prabhjot Singh Walia, AAG, Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J.

Petitioner-Satvir Singh has prayed for grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case FIR No.03 dated 08.01.2019 registered under Section 22 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Raman, Bathinda, District Bathinda, Punjab. The petitioner is in custody since his arrest on 08.01.2019.

As per the prosecution case, the contraband 2200 intoxicant tablets containing Clovidol-100-S was lying on the rear seat of the vehicle which was being driven by the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the co-accused of the petitioner, namely, Lovedeep Garg has been extended the concession of regular bail vide order dated 12.07.2019 and the trial is likely to consume time as after framing of charge on 22.05.2019, no witness has been examined by the prosecution. He submits that petitioner is not involved in any other case.

On the other hand, learned State counsel assisted by ASI Karamjit Singh has opposed the prayer on the ground that the contraband falls within the ambit of commercial quantity. However, it is not disputed that the petitioner is not involved in any other case and prosecution is yet to examine its witnesses.

Considering the above background and the fact that trial is likely to consume considerable time, this Court is of the opinion that further detention of the petitioner may not be justified, particularly when he is not involved in any other case, muchless of the similar nature. Resultantly, without meaning any expression of opinion on the merits of the case, it is ordered that the petitioner be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing requisite bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court concerned.

The petition is allowed.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

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