

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc.-M-51667 of 2019

Date of Decision: January 15, 2020.

Jaswant Singh @ Jassa

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE VIVEK PURI.

Present: Ms.Riffi Birla, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr.Rajesh Bhardwaj, Senior DAG, Punjab.

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Vivek Puri, J. (Oral)

Briefly, as per the allegations put forth in the FIR, Jaswant Singh, Sandeep Singh and Rupinder Singh were travelling in the car bearing registration No.PB-22F-1786. The car was being driven by Rupinder Singh and other two persons were travelling therein. The car was signaled to stop. Rupinder Singh managed to slip away. Jaswant Singh and Sandeep Singh were apprehended and 1 kg. Heroin was recovered from the car.

It has been mainly contended on behalf of the petitioner that Sandeep Singh @ Sonu, similarly placed co-accused, has been granted bail by the Coordinate Bench of this Court on 25.11.2019. This aspect has not been disputed by the learned State counsel. It has been stated by him that as per the allegations in the FIR, the petitioner has also tried to run away which is indicative of the fact that he was conscious of the fact that contraband was being carried on in the vehicle.

It may be mentioned here that substantially same allegations have been levelled against Sandeep Singh @ Sonu co-accused. It has also been stated that Rupinder Singh was the driver and owner of the vehicle

who has been subsequently arrested and is in custody. Although quantity of the contraband is commercial quantity but principle of parity justifies concession of bail to the petitioner also.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case and after keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case, it would be appropriate to direct the petitioner to be released on regular bail. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing adequate surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/ Duty Magistrate.

Accordingly, the petition is allowed with the aforesaid directions.

January 15, 2020

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(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

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