

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No. 208

CRM-M-52641-2019

Date of decision : 15.09.2020

Surjit Singh

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present: Mr.Prateek Pandit, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr.H.S.Sitta, AAG, Punjab.

DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (ORAL)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for the grant of regular bail in FIR No.225 dated 15.09.2019, registered under Sections 21 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 Act at Police Station Sultanpur Lodhi, district Kapurthala.

Seeking regular bail for the petitioner learned counsel submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case; he is in custody since 15.09.2019; he is not involved in any other criminal case and that since the trial is yet to commence it will take a long time to conclude.

Learned State counsel on instruction from ASI Balwant Singh while admitting that there is no other criminal case in which the petitioner is involved as also the aforesaid custody period of the petitioner, opposes the grant of bail on the ground that the petitioner has been found in illegal possession of 270 grams of heroin.

The petitioner has been in custody since 15.09.2019; he is not involved in any other criminal case and that the trial which is yet to commence will take a long time especially in the present circumstances when the world is facing the COVID-19 pandemic.

In view of the above, the present case is considered to be a fit one in which the petitioner be directed to be released on regular bail. Resultantly, subject to the satisfaction of the CJM/Duty Magistrate, Kapurthala the petitioner is directed to be released on bail.

It is clarified that the above observations have been made only for the limited purpose of deciding the present regular bail application and the same would not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

15.09.2020
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[DEEPAK SIBAL]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No