

221 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-54115-2019
Date of Decision: 13.01.2020

Ranjeet Singh @ Jeeti

... Petitioner

v/s

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Present: Mr. A.S. Kakkar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajesh Bhardwaj, Sr. DAG Punjab

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VIVEK PURI, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner has prayed for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 66 dated 11.9.2015, registered under Section 21 of NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Fatehgarh Panjtoor, District Moga.

It has been stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that case is with regard to the recovery of 15 gms of heroin which is less than commercial quantity. He was admitted on bail but under misapprehension that he has been acquitted by the Court, the petitioner had absconded from the proceedings. The petitioner has been declared proclaimed offender on 3.8.2018. Subsequently, his arrest was effected on 21.6.2019 and is in custody since then.

This factual position has not been disputed by learned State counsel. Keeping in view the fact that petitioner has undergone incarceration for a period of more than 6½ months after he had been declared proclaimed offender and he has suffered sufficiently for the lapse

on his part, sufficient grounds are made out to extend the concession of bail to him.

Considering the above and the fact that the trial is likely to consume some time, further detention of the petitioner may not be justified. Therefore, without making 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 concerned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

The petition is allowed.

13.01.2020

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(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No