

**202-2 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M No.52998 of 2019  
Date of Decision:30.09.2020**

**VIKAS**

**...Petitioner**

**Versus**

**STATE OF HARYANA**

**..Respondent**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL**

Present: Mr. Aditya Sanghi, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramesh Kumar Ambavta, AAG, Haryana.

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**HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)**

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Reply by way of affidavit of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Ellenabad, has been filed through e-mail. Print out of the same is taken on record.

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.226 dated 27.06.2019 registered under Sections 22(c) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985 at Police Station Rania, District Sirsa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner was working as the salesman in the shop of co-accused Narinder and he was asked to deliver the medicine and was performing his duty.

He further states that the petitioner is in custody since 27 June, 2019 and there is no other case against the petitioner. The trial is not

likely to conclude on account of the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic.

Learned State counsel has states that as per the called details the petitioner and Narendra were in constant touch with each other. He has not disputed the fact regarding the custody period of the petitioner and further states that the out of 20 only 3 witnesses have been examined.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

In view of the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner has been in custody since 27 June, 2019; out of 20 witnesses 3 have been examined and that the trial of the case may take time to conclude as the country continues to plunge into the global pandemic, Covid-19, this Court finds that no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

**September 30, 2020**

**(HARNARESH SINGH GILL )  
JUDGE**

*Jyoti-TN* Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No Whether Reportable Yes/No