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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-294-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 02.12.2020

Ajmer Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Manpreet Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail in FIR No.104 dated 11.07.2019 under Section 22 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Baghapurana, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per allegations in the FIR, the petitioner was apprehended with 700 intoxicant tablets. It is further submitted that the petitioner is not involved in any other case and despite the fact that charges were framed on 20.09.2019, out of total 14 PWs, none has been examined so far and due to COVID-19 situation, it will take some time in conclusion of the trial. It is also submitted that the petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year, 04 months and 19 days and is not involved in any other case.

Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate dated

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01.12.2020 in the Court today and has not disputed the factual position, however, submits that the recovery falls in commercial quantity.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties and without commenting anything on merits of the case, considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year, 04 months and 19 days and is not involved in any other case and due to COVID-19 situation, it will take some time in conclusion of the trial, this petition is partly allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on interim bail till 30.04.2021 subject to furnishing his bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

It will be open for the trial Court either to grant extension of interim bail assessing the circumstances and evidence or dismiss the bail, in accordance with law.

**[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE**

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No