

206 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH
(through video conferencing)

CRM-M-297-2021
Decided on : 01.04.2021

Baljeet Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Arpandee Narula, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Tanushree Gupta, DAG, Haryana.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J.

Instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.PC for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.383 dated 02.11.2020 registered under Section 22 (C) of NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station City Mandi Dabwali District Sirsa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that the petitioner has been in custody since 02.11.2020 and only challan has been presented till date. Hence, there is no likelihood of the trial concluding in the near future. He further submits that no doubt the challan was presented within the prescribed statutory period of 180 days, however, it was not accompanied by the FSL Report. Hence, the challan was incomplete entitling the petitioner to the grant of default bail. In support of his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner has placed reliance on the Division Bench judgment in case of ***Inderjeet Singh @ Laddi and others***

vs. State of Punjab, 2014(3) RCR (Crl.) 953.

Per contra, learned State counsel while opposing the prayer of learned counsel for the petitioner on instructions from ASI Suresh Kumar has submitted that the petitioner was found in possession of 1000 intoxicating tablets of Tramadol Hydrochloride 100 mg SR Tablets Radol-100, which fall in the commercial quantity. She however, has not been able to controvert the factum of FSL report not having been filed along with the challan. Still further, on a pointed query put to learned State counsel, she has conceded that the learned Public Prosecutor did not make any application or report to the Special Court concerned under the provisions of Section 36(A)(4) of the NDPS Act seeking extension of time for filing the FSL report.

Heard.

Admittedly, the challan has been presented in the Court without the FSL report. This Court has no hesitation in holding that the indefeasible right of the petitioner to grant of default bail under Section 167(2) read with Section 439 Cr.PC has accrued. This Court in ***CRM-M-11271-2021*** titled as ***Saleem @ Mulla vs. State of Haryana*** has held that in cases under the NDPS Act, FSL report is decisive document, which would link the accused with the commission of crime. In the absence of FSL report not being a part of the challan so presented by the prosecution, it would be deemed to be an incomplete challan, hence, entitling the petitioner to the grant of default bail. Accordingly, present petition is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be

an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes
Whether reportable :	Yes