

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

**CRM-M No. 4292 of 2021
Date of Decision: 08.2.2021**

Gurjant Singh alias Janta

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. A.S.Gulati, Advocate for
Mr. Sumeet Puri, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sidakmeet Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner seeks regular bail in FIR No. 267 dated 31.7.2020 under Sections 22, 29, 61, 85 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Sadar Dhuri, District Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per the prosecution case, the petitioner and co-accused Ajay Singh @ Upnam were apprehended at the spot and recovery of the contraband was allegedly effected from them. He further submits that co-accused Ajay Singh @ Upnam has been granted regular bail by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court on 23.12.2020 and the petitioner has been in custody since 31.7.2020.

On the other hand, learned State counsel has opposed the bail application.

In the present case, co-accused Ajay Singh @ Upnam has

already been granted regular bail by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court on 23.12.2020. The petitioner has been in custody since 31.7.2020. The trial will take time to conclude because of Covid-19 pandemic. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

Without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

February 08, 2021
Gurpreet

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