

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-4565 of 2021.

Decided on:- February 23, 2021.

Harsimrandeep Singh.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab.

.....Respondent.

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA.*

Present:- Mr. B.S. Jatana, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Multani, AAG, Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA, J. (Oral)

The petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in FIR No.24 dated 15.02.2020 under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short, the NDPS Act) and Sections 25, 27-A and 29 of the NDPS Act added later on, registered at Police Station City Budhlada, District Mansa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the recovery of 900 tablets of Clovidol 100 SR was effected from the petitioner. There is no other case against the petitioner and he is in custody since 15.02.2020. The other co-accused, namely, Jasdeep Singh has been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 05.11.2020 passed in ***CRM-M-13089-2020*** titled as ***Jasdeep Singh Versus State of Punjab.***

Learned State counsel does not dispute the custody and the quantity of contraband recovered from the petitioner. However, on the

strength of custody certificate filed in Court, he has submitted that there is no other case against the petitioner. The custody certificate is taken on record.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 15.02.2020 and other co-accused Jasdeep Singh has already been admitted on bail by this Court and noticing the fact that due to COVID-19 pandemic, the trial is not likely to be concluded in near future, this Court deems it appropriate to admit the petitioner on bail.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court.

It is made clear that in case the petitioner is found involved in any other case of similar nature, the prosecution shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of his bail in this case.

The observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case and the trial Court shall decide the case without being influenced with these observations in any manner.

February 23, 2021

Yag Dutt

**(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes

Whether Reportable:

No