

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

CRM-M-6010 of 2021 (O&M)

DECIDED ON: 7th JULY, 2021

Manpreet Singh

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Ruhani Chadha, Advocate for petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

CRM-12788 of 2021

Since the main case is fixed for today, the present application for preponing the date of hearing is dismissed as infructuous.

Main Case

This petition is for grant of regular bail in case of FIR No.165 dated 10.10.2018 under Sections 18 and 25 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Goraya, District Jalandhar.

There was recovery of 7.5 kg of Opium from the conscious possession of petitioner and co-accused. The basic ground pressed for seeking bail is that there is no head way in the trial proceedings.

Learned State counsel informs out of total eight prosecution witnesses five have been examined and the next date fixed is 20.7.2021. She brought to the notice of the Court order dated 5.10.2020 of this Court passed in CRM-M-24685 of 2020 wherein the Court had noticed that the petitioner was not in a position to show that any application was moved before the trial Court for early disposal of the case.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is also not in a position to demonstrate that any request before the trial Court for early disposal of the trial was made.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Nishan Singh further submits that earnest effort would be made to conclude the prosecution evidence within two months from the next date fixed.

In view of above, the present petition is disposed of.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

7th JULY, 2021

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>No</i>