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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-5762-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 07.01.2021

Manoj Kumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mrs. R.K. Thind, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Deepak Kumar Grewal, DAG, Haryana.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail in FIR No.374 dated 27.09.2019 under Section 22/27A/61 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Fatehabad.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is a young man aged about 20 years and as per allegations in the FIR, the police party, on suspicion, apprehended him and recovered 590 intoxicant tablets. It is further submitted that the petitioner is in custody since 27.09.2019; he is not involved in any other case under NDPS Act and challan stands presented on 01.04.2020, however, till date, no prosecution witness has been examined. It is also submitted that conclusion of the trial will take long time due to COVID-19 situation in the country.

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Learned State counsel, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, could not dispute the factual position.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, without commenting upon merits of the case and considering the aforesaid submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, this petition is disposed of and the petitioner is directed to be released on interim bail till 31.05.2021 subject to furnishing his bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate, concerned.

However, the trial Court, after assessing the situation, if the trial has not started in ordinary course and the evidence is recorded, may cancel or may continue the interim bail granted to the petitioner till further orders.

**[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE**

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No