

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

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**CRM-M-8319-2021**

**Date of Decision: 25.02.2021**

Baljit Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

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**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA**

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**Present:** Mr. Arshdeep Singh Brar, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

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**Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)**

Present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C is for grant of regular bail to petitioner-**Baljit Singh** in case FIR No.206 dated 31.12.2020 under Section 27 (a) NDPS Act, Sections 7 and 8 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Sections 170, 420 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station City Moga, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that version, as alleged in the FIR, is totally concocted one and there is no iota of truth therein. He further urges that no contraband was recovered at the instance of petitioner. He further urges that petitioner is in custody since 01.01.2021 and he is no more required by the Police for any investigation purpose. He further submits that since presentation of challan and consequent trial of the case would take sufficient time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody further and he may be released on bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel while opposing instant petition has vehemently argued that keeping in view seriousness of offence, petitioner does not deserve the concession of bail. Learned State counsel on instructions from Assistant Sub Inspector Harpreet Singh urges that investigation in this case is complete and challan is likely to be presented in the Court within short span of time.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

At this stage, without commenting anything on the merits of the case lest it may prejudice the outcome of the trial but taking into consideration the fact that petitioner is in custody since 01.01.2021; that petitioner is no more required by the Investigating Agency for investigation purpose; that moreover, as per averments made by the learned State counsel, investigation in this case is complete and challan is likely to be presented in the Court within short span of time and consequent trial of the case would take sufficient time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner in custody further, thus, he deserves the concession of bail.

In view of above, instant petition for grant of regular bail moved by petitioner-**Baljit Singh** is allowed and he is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Moga, as the case may be.

(LALIT BATRA)  
JUDGE

25.02.2021  
VP/jitender

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| Whether speaking/ reasoned | : | Yes/ No |
| Whether Reportable         | : | Yes/ No |