

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

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**CRM-M No. 7925 of 2021
Date of decision :08.09.2021**

Satnam Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Karnesh Verma, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, DAG, Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J.

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 19 dated 26.01.2020 registered under Sections 22/61/85 of NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station Samana, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner has been falsely involved in the present case. Moreover the recovery has been effected from the dash board of the car which does not belongs to the petitioner. The petitioner has been in custody since 26.01.2020. The petitioner is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act.

Custody certificate by way of affidavit of Additional Superintendent, Central Prison, Patiala dated 08.09.2021 filed in the Court, same is taken on record.

Per contra, while opposing the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, learned State counsel has stated that recovery effected from the petitioner is of commercial quantity. The charges have been framed. Out of 13 prosecution witnesses, 5 witnesses have already been examined.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 26.01.2020. No other case has been registered against the petitioner and recovery has been effected from the dash board of the car which does not belongs to the petitioner. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars. Further, keeping in view the prevailing situation of Covid-19 pandemic, the trial is unlikely to conclude any time soon.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

08.09.2021

Rajeev (rvs)

**(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No