

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

CRM M-8094 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: April 28, 2021

Sandeep Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present : Mr. L.S. Sekhon, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. S.P.S. Tinna, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner Sandeep Singh has moved this second regular bail application under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. in FIR No. 31 dated 25.02.2020 under Sections 22 and 25 of NDPS Act 1985 registered at Police Station City-II Khanna District

Ludhiana.

The brief allegations against the petitioner are that the police stopped a Brezza car and on search of the vehicle 1000 tablets of Microlit (intoxicating nature) were got recovered and that he happens to be the driver of the car in question which is registered in the name of his father.

Mr. L.S. Sekhon, counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the petitioner is behind the bars for more 01 year and 02 months and charges are yet to be framed and he is not facing any other criminal case of similar nature.

Mr. S.P.S. Tinna, Addl. A.G. Punjab has not disputed the facts brought to the notice of the Court but has strongly opposed the grant of the bail on the grounds of nature of the recovery and heinousness of the offence.

Appreciating the submissions keeping in view the period of incarceration, the present pandemic Covid 19 situation and there being every likelihood that the trial is going to be

prolonged and without feeling necessity to advert on to the merits of the case, this Court feels it expedient to allow the present bail application to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case.

Disposed off.

April 28, 2021
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(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No