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

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Date of decision:25.05.2021**

Puran Kumar @ Laddi

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Jashandeep Singh Sandhu, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Avtar Singh Sandhu, Addl. A.G.Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

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This is an application under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for an early hearing of the main petition i.e. CRM-M-9070-2021, which is fixed for hearing on 25.08.2021.

Notice in the application to the respondent-State.

On the asking of this Court, Mr. Avtar Singh Sandhu, Addl. A.G.Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State, and submits that he has no objection, if the present application is allowed.

In view of the above, the present application is allowed and the date of hearing of the main petition is preponed from 25.08.2021 to that of today and the same is taken on the Board for hearing.

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Through this petition, the petitioner seeks regular bail in case

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bearing FIR No.30 dated 07.02.2020, registered at Police Station Kotwali,
District Bathinda, under Section 22 NDPS Act, 1985.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the offer given
by the Investigating Officer to the petitioner is a faulty one; that the
petitioner is handicapped from his right leg, and that the petitioner has been
in custody since 07.02.2020.

Learned State counsel, while opposing the prayer made in the
present petition, submits that the recovery effected in the present case falls
under the commercial quantity. Challan has been filed, but charges are yet
to be framed.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

Challan has already been presented. The petitioner has been in
custody since 07.02.2020. The trial of the case would take time to
conclude. Apart from it, the belligerent re-surge of pandemic COVID-19 in
the country has once again forced the government to impose various
restrictions to curb the contagion, and it would further delay the conclusion
of trial. Therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the
petitioner behind the bars.

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.

25.05.2021

parveen kumar

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)

JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?

Yes/No

Whether reportable?

Yes/No