

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

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CRM-M-16687-2021
Date of decision: 27.04.2021

Harshiam Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr.Gaurav Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr.H.S.Sitta, AAG, Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Prayer is for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 206 dated 04.08.2019, registered at Police Station Dhuri, District Sangrur, under Section 22/61/85 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Custody certificate by way of affidavit of the Deputy Superintendent, Central Jail, Bathinda, has been filed through e.mail. Print out of the same is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner has been falsely involved in the present case. The petitioner has been in custody since 04.08.2019 and there is no other case pending against him. FIR is registered on the basis of secret information. It is further alleged that recovery has been made from the open place.

Learned State counsel has pointed out that recovery effected from the petitioner is of commercial quantity. It is not disputed that there is

no other case pending against the petitioner. He further states that out of 14 prosecution witnesses, 03 have already been examined.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 04.08.2019. Trial of the case would take time to conclude due to Covid-19 Pandemic. 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.

27.04.2021

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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No