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

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CRM-M-16125-2021**Date of Decision: 27.04.2021**

Satpal Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Surinder Garg, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab,
assisted by SI Kuldeep Singh.*(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)***GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)**

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of regular bail in respect of a case registered vide FIR No.20 dated 19.03.2019 under Section 22 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985 at Police Station Bariwala, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, wherein it is alleged that the petitioner was found in conscious possession of 1500 Tablets of Clavitol-SR-100.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that he has falsely been implicated in the present case and that in any case since the petitioner has been behind bars since a substantial period of 2 years and trial is not making headway, he deserves to be released on bail.

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3. Opposing the petition, learned State counsel has submitted that since the petitioner was caught red-handed, he does not deserve the concession of bail. Learned State counsel has, however, not disputed that the petitioner as on date has been behind bars since the last more than 2 years and that he is not involved in any other case registered under NDPS Act. Learned State counsel has informed that as on date only 2 PWs out of cited 10 PWs have been examined.
4. I have considered rival submissions addressed before this Court.
5. Having regard to the substantial custody period of the petitioner, which is more than 2 years and also the fact that the trial in its normal course is likely to consume time since only 2 PWs have been examined so far and while also noticing that the petitioner has clean antecedents and is not involved in any other case under NDPS Act, further detention of the petitioner will not serve any useful purpose. The petition, as such, is accepted and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: **Yes/No**

Whether reportable: **Yes/No**