

208 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-18860-2021
Date of Decision: 21.05.2021

Mahipal @ Banna

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. H.S. Maan, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Anmol Malik, DAG, Haryana.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure by the petitioner, seeking regular bail in case FIR No.277 dated 29.07.2020, under Sections 22-C/27-A of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Fatehabad, District Fatehabad.

2. Ld. Counsel for the petitioner submits, *inter alia*, that the petitioner has remained in detention for more than three months, since 14.02.2021. After completion of investigation, challan against him has already been submitted, but charges are yet to be framed.

3. Admittedly, no recovery of any contraband was directly effected from the present petitioner and his name had transpired from the disclosure statement of the co-accused, namely Pritam, who is also in custody.

4. As such, without commenting any further on the merits of the

present case as a whole and in view of the detention undergone by the petitioner, as also the fact that the trial has not yet commenced, particularly on account of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the prayer of the petitioner for regular bail is allowed and he is ordered to be released on bail, subject to appropriate terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

5. Disposed off.

21.05.2021*Apurva***(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

2. Whether reportable: Yes/No