

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

CRM-M-13884-2020

Date of decision:16.07.2021

Chhinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Karanjeet Singh Brar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Power of Attorney of Sh. K.S. Brar, Advocate, filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record.

Custody certificate, by way of an affidavit dated 15.07.2021 of Additional Superintendent, Central Jail, Ferozepur, filed through email, is taken on record.

Through this petition, the petitioner seeks regular bail in case bearing FIR No.96 dated 10.07.2019 registered under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Vairoke, District Fazilka.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the alleged recovery of 1800 intoxicant tablets was effected from three persons, including the petitioner. The petitioner has been in custody since 10.07.2019.

Learned State counsel, while opposing the grant of bail to the petitioner, submits that out of 12 prosecution witnesses, two have been

examined till date and there is no other case pending or registered against the petitioner.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 10.07.2019 and out of 12 prosecution witnesses, two have been examined till date. The trial would take a considerable long time in its conclusion, especially due to Covid-19. 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.

16.07.2021
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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No