

**204-2 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M No.14096 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision:01.04.2021**

MANPREET SINGH @ MONTY

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. L.M.Gulati, Advocate for
for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

This petition is filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.2 dated 07.01.2020 registered under Sections 21, 23 and 25 of the NDPS Act and Sections 411, 414 and 120-B of IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959, at Police Station Gharinda, Amritsar Rural, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case as he was not nominated in the FIR but later on he was implicated on the basis of disclosure statement of co-accused namely, Nayak Rahul Chauhan and Dharminder Singh. He further states that no recovery has been effected from the petitioner and has been in

custody since 25.01.2020. He further states that co-accused namely, Sarvodya Rakesh Bahri and Rishabh Arora have already been granted bail in CRM-M-11296-2020, passed by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide its order dated 25.11.2020.

While opposing the prayer for grant of bail, learned State counsel, submits that a gang was operating across the border and even one Army personnel, was involved in this case. He further states that the case before the trial Court is now fixed for framing of the charges on 07.05.2021 and material witnesses are yet to be examined.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 25.01.2020. No recovery has been effected from the petitioner. The trial will take time to conclude and, thus, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars. Moreover, co-accused of the petitioner have already been granted concession of regular bail by a Coordinate Bench of this Court.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)

JUDGE

April 01, 2021

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No Whether Reportable Yes/No