

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

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CRM-M-22089-2021

Date of Decision: 29.06.2021

Ramandeep Singh @ Sona Singh ...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana ...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. J.S.Bedi, Senior Advocate, with
Mr. Sonpreet Singh Brar, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Vishal Kashyap, AAG, Haryana,
assisted by SI Sandeep Kumar.

(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 against him vide FIR No.53 dated 10.03.2020 at Police Station Ding, District Sirsa, under Section 21 of the NDPS Act.
2. As per the case of the prosecution, on 10.03.2020, during the course of *nakabandi*, a car bearing registration No.HR-94-8235 was intercepted pursuant to a secret information and 500 grams of heroin, which was lying near the gear liver of the vehicle, was recovered from its occupants, namely, Pargat Singh @ Kaka and Ramandeep Singh @ Sona Singh (petitioner). Both the occupants were sitting on the front seats of the vehicle, which was being driven by Pargat Singh, registered owner of the same.

3. Learned senior counsel mainly banks upon order dated 07.04.2021 passed by the Coordinate Bench vide which co-accused Pargat Singh has been ordered to be released on bail. Learned senior counsel submits that since the petitioner is identically situated, he also deserves the concession of bail particularly bearing in mind the fact that he is not involved in any other case earlier.
4. Opposing the petition, learned State counsel has submitted that since it is a case of recovery of commercial quantity of contraband, no case for grant of bail is made out. Learned State counsel, however, could not dispute the fact that identically situated co-accused Pargat Singh has already been ordered to be released on bail. Learned State counsel has, however, informed that the petitioner has been behind bars since the last about 1 year and 2 months and that till date not even a single PW out of cited 16 PWs has been examined.
5. I have considered rival submissions addressed before this Court.
6. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case particularly the fact that identically situated co-accused has already been ordered to be released on bail and while also noticing that the petitioner has been behind bars since the last about 1 year and 2 months, further detention of the petitioner will not serve any useful purpose as the conclusion of trial will take some time particularly in the present circumstances of spread of the pandemic COVID-19. 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.

29.06.2021
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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

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