

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

CRM-M-17423-2020

Date of decision:16.07.2021

Rahul alias Sabba alias Billa

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Veneet Sharma, 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.

Through this petition, the petitioner seeks regular bail in case bearing FIR No.34 dated 10.03.2020 registered under Section 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Sadar Patti, District Tarn Taran.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the alleged recovery of 320 gram heroin was effected from the petitioner. The petitioner has been in custody since 10.03.2020 and there is no other case pending or registered against him.

Learned State counsel, while opposing the grant of bail to the petitioner, points out that the recovery effected from the petitioner falls under the commercial quantity. However, he submits that the evidence is yet to be recorded.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 10.03.2020 and no

witness has been examined so far. 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.

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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

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