

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

**CRM-M-17379-2020
Date of decision: 09.02.2021**

Pardeep Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Munish Puri, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 417 dated 20.12.2019, registered under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Phillaur, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per allegations in the FIR, the petitioner was arrested and was found in possession of 1200 intoxicant capsules of mark *Pervorin-Spas*.

Learned counsel further submits that petitioner is in judicial custody for the last 01 year, 01 month and 15 days and though the *challan* was presented on 25.05.2020, however, till date, charges have not yet been framed, therefore, conclusion of trial is likely to take a long time.

Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate, according to which, petitioner is not involved in any other case.

Learned State counsel submits that there are total 10

prosecution witnesses and since the charges are not framed so far, the evidence has not started.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering the fact that petitioner is in long judicial custody and the trial is likely to take some time to conclude, the instant petition is disposed of. The petitioner is ordered to be released on interim bail till 10.06.2021 on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Illaqa Magistrate, concerned.

However, if the trial Court, after assessing the situation, requires the presence of the petitioner for recording evidence, it may cancel or may continue the interim bail granted to the petitioner till further orders.

09.02.2021

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No