

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

CRM-M-17702-2020

Date of decision : 26.07.2021

Gurpreet Singh @ Daddu @ Gurpreet Ram

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Ramandeep Singh Warriach, Advocate for
Mr. Vikas Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Avtar Singh Sandhu, Addl. A.G., 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 FIR No.195 dated 06.12.2019, under Section 22 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station, City I Sangrur, District Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case, the alleged recovery effected from the petitioner is 900 intoxicant Tramadol Hydrochloride tablets as Clovidol 100 SR and the petitioner is in custody from the last more than one year and seven months. Learned counsel for the petitioner further states that the petitioner is 19 years old person and no other case is pending or registered against him. The parents of the petitioner have expired and the petitioner is the only bread earner of his family and also to look after his four sisters.

Learned State counsel while opposing the bail application, has not disputed the fact that the petitioner is the sole earner of his family and as per the custody certificate, the petitioner is in custody for the last one year, 7 months and 16 days.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 06.12.2019 and no other case is pending or registered against him. Further, keeping in view the prevailing situation of Covid-19 pandemic, the trial of the case is unlikely to conclude any time soon. 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.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

26.07.2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No