

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

Sr. No.206

**CRM-M No.21859 of 2021
DATE OF DECISION: 09.09.2021**

Raj Kumar

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present:- Mr. Bikramjit Singh Randhawa, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Balbir Singh Sewak, Additional A.G. Punjab.

MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner herein seeks the relief of regular bail in the criminal case pertaining to the FIR bearing No.73 dated 27.04.2021 registered at Police Station Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur, under Section 20(B) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, with the allegations that he as well as his co-accused Parveen were found in possession of 700 grams '*charas*'.

Status-report filed on behalf of the respondent-State, by way of the affidavit of the Deputy-Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur as well as the custody-certificate of the petitioner, have been submitted in the Court and the same are taken on the record.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel in this petition and have also perused the file

thoroughly.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is behind the bars since 27.04.2021 and the Challan has already been presented in the Court and moreover, the quantity of '*charas*', as allegedly recovered from the petitioner as well as his co-accused, also falls under the category of "non-commercial" one and in these circumstances, he (petitioner) be extended the relief of regular bail.

Learned State counsel does not dispute the afore-referred factual position but he argues that keeping in view the gravity of the offence committed by the petitioner, this petition be dismissed.

Keeping in view the above-discussed factual position and also the fact that the trial of the case is likely to take sufficient time to conclude and without commenting or expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petitioner named Raj Kumar is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing the requisite personal bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

The present petition stands allowed accordingly.

September 09, 2021
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(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes

Whether reportable:

No