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

CRM-M-23288-2021

Date of decision-01.07.2021

Manav Verma

....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Amit Choudhary, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurabh Girdhar, AAG, Haryana.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J.

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C for grant of regular bail pending trial in case FIR No.233 dated 24.09.2020 registered under Sections 22 (c), 27-A, 29, 61 and 85 Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Sadar Ratia, District Fatehabad. The petitioner is in custody since his arrest on 17.03.2021.

As per the allegations in the FIR, on 24.09.2020, when the police party was present at Nakta Road, Khunan for patrolling, then two young boys were seen coming from the side of village Khumber on motorcycle bearing registration No.HR-40F-8891, who on seeing the police party tried to escape. They were apprehended on suspicion and on search of plastic bag held by them, 19800 tablets of Tramadol

Hydrochloride were recovered. On these broad allegations, the present FIR was registered

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that petitioner has not been named in the FIR and he has been implicated on the basis of the disclosure statement made by Naushad Ali. He submits that like petitioner many other accused persons were indicated as an accused in a similar way and one such accused, namely, Monu Goswami has already been released on regular bail by this Court vide order dated 18.05.2021 (Annexure P-5). He has further submitted that neither any recovery was effected from the petitioner nor he was present at the spot. He submits that as the investigation of the case is complete, therefore, further custody of the petitioner may not be useful. He prays for bail.

Learned State counsel assisted by ASI Jatinder Singh has opposed the prayer. However, it is not disputed by learned State counsel that case of the petitioner is at par with co-accused-Monu Goswami. He submits that the investigation of the case is complete and final report stands filed on 05.05.2021, however, the charges are yet to be framed.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties and considering the background of this case, this Court is of the opinion that the conclusion of trial is likely to consume considerable time, as the trial is yet to commence, therefore, further detention of the

petitioner may not serve any useful purpose, who is presently confined in judicial custody after his arrest on 17.03.2021.

Resultantly, without meaning any expression of opinion on the merits of the case, it is ordered that the petitioner be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing requisite bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court concerned.

The petition is allowed.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

01.07.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No