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

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Date of decision: 01.07.2021

Sukhpreet Singh alias Preet

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Gurpal Singh Sandhu, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Harpreet Singh Multani, AAG, 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.295 dated 12.11.2020, registered at Police Station Gidderbaha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, under Sections 22(b) and 29 (added vide G.D. No.53 dated 13.11.2020) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psyshotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that no recovery was effected from the petitioner; that the petitioner was merely a pillion rider on a motor-cycle being driven by co-accused, Jaskran Singh, and that the recovery of intoxicant tablets allegedly effected from a polythene bag hanging on the handle of the motor-cycle, is marginally higher than the commercial quantity. The petitioner has been in custody since 10.05.2021.

On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the prayer

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made in the present petition. However, he does not dispute the fact that the recovery effected in the present case is marginally higher than the commercial quantity. There is no other case registered or pending against the petitioner, at least of a similar nature.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The recovery allegedly effected in the present case is marginally higher than the commercial quantity, as noticed above. The petitioner has been in custody since 10.05.2021. Trial of the case would take time to conclude, 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.

01.07.2021
parveen kumar

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

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