

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

**CRM-M-24892-2021
Date of decision: 23.07.2021**

Ranjit Singh**...Petitioner**

Versus

State of Punjab**...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN**

Present:- Mr. Jasdeep Singh, 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.241 dated 11.11.2020, registered under Sections 15C/22C of the NDPS Act, 1985 Act at Police Station Sadar Bathinda, District Bathinda, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per allegations in the FIR, the police party headed by SI Rajvir Singh, while on patrol duty noticed that one 18 tyre truck bearing registration number PB-03X-8541 was parked on the left side of the road and two persons were opening plastic cover from the truck. On seeing the police party, they became perplexed and tried to hide themselves behind the truck. On suspicion, they both were apprehended and disclosed their name as Ranjit Singh-petitioner, who was driver of the truck and the other person disclosed his name as Nirbhay Singh. Thereafter, a notice under Section 50 of the NDPS Act was given and in presence of the Deputy Superintendent of

Police, search was conducted. On search, total 76 kgs. of poppy husk and 12000 intoxicant tablets of Radol-100 were recovered.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner is in judicial custody for the last about 08 months and is not involved in any other case.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate in Court today and as per the same, petitioner is in judicial custody for the last about 08 months and 06 days and opposed the prayer on the ground that the petitioner is the owner and driver of the truck from which the recovery was effected.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without commenting on the merits of the case and considering the fact that heavy recovery was effected from the petitioner, I find no ground to grant concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed.

23.07.2021

Chetan Thakur

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No