

Sr.No.226

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

CRM-M-26492 of 2021

Date of decision:31.08.2021

Sukhdeep Singh

... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Sumeet Singh Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Avtar Singh Sandhu, Addl.AG, 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.28 dated 10.02.2020 registered under Section 22 of the NDPS Act at
Police Station Nathana, District Bathinda, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner is
falsely involved in the present case. The alleged recovery effected from the
petitioner and the co-accused is 850 intoxicating tablets though commercial
quantity but the petitioner is in custody from the last 01 year and 06 months.
There is no other case pending or registered against the petitioner atleast of
the similar nature.

Learned State counsel stated that the recovery effected from the

petitioner and the co-accused is of a commercial quantity but does not dispute the custody period of the petitioner. He has submitted that charges have been framed in the present case and prosecution witnesses are yet to be examined.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 10.02.2020. Trial is unlikely to conclude any time soon, 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.

31st August, 2021

Shivani Kaushik

[HARNARESH SINGH GILL]

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether Reportable Yes/No