

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

CRM-M-29930-2021

DECIDED ON: 5th August, 2021

Krishan Lal Ahir

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Haryana

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. S.S. Gill, Advocate for petitioner.

Ms. Harpreet Kaur, AAG Haryana.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

This petition is for grant of regular bail in case of FIR No. 27 dated 29.1.2021, under Sections 15, 27A and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Pehowa, District Kurukshetra.

As per the case set up, there was recovery of four quintals, one kilogram and 785 grams of poppy husk from Vijay Kumar and Gurmukh Singh @ Koka. The name of the petitioner came in a disclosure statement. Vijay Kumar and Gurmukh Singh @ Koka had named five persons including the petitioner and stated that they were bringing poppy husk with the help of the petitioner and Rameshwar Lal Ahir. It was further stated that other persons named in the disclosure statement used to invest money.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was not apprehended at the spot and his name surfaced in the disclosure statement. He relies upon the fact that co-accused Chaman Lal was granted interim bail by this Court vide order dated 23.7.2021 and co-accused Rameshwar Lal Ahir was granted interim bail by this Court vide order dated 29.7.2021.

Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for grant of bail. She submits that the petitioner is involved in supply of poppy husk.

No recovery was made from the petitioner; his name surfaced in a disclosure statement; challan has been presented; conclusion of trial is likely to take long time and no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars. Bail is granted to the petitioner on furnishing surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

The petition is allowed.

It is clarified that the observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

5th August, 2021

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**(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE**

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>No</i>