

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

CRM-M-31010-2021
Date of decision : 15.9.2021

Charna Singh @ Charna @ Laddi ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr.PS Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr.Karanbir Singh, AAG, Punjab

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

Prayer is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.10 dated 11.1.2021 under Sections 22, 25 and 29 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Barnala, District Barnala

As per the allegations in the FIR, registered on the basis of the secret information, the house of Sonia @ Soma was raided and 350 tablets of Celcidal-100 SR and 700 tablets of Clovidol-100 SR were recovered. In her disclosure statement, Sonia @ Soma stated that she used to purchase the intoxicant tablets from the petitioner and sold them at higher prices. It is further case of the prosecution that during the course of investigation, one Gurdarshan Singh @ Soni was apprehended and from his possession 6800 intoxicant tablets Lomotil and 1000 Tablets of Clovidol-100 SR (Tramadol) were recovered. On the basis of the disclosure statement of Gurdarshan Singh @ Soni, Manpreet Singh @ Preet and Mandeep Kaur @ Preeti were

apprehended and from their possession 50000 intoxicant tablets of Alpranof-0.5 (Alprazolam) were recovered.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that no recovery has been effected from the petitioner. He has been falsely implicated merely on the disclosure statement of Sonia @ Soma on the allegations that she used to purchase the intoxicant tablets from the petitioner and further sold it on higher prices. Other than, the disclosure statement, there is nothing on record to connect the petitioner with the offence. The petitioner is in custody since 30.4.2021. Investigation has been completed and the challan has been filed. The trial of the case may take long time. No useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner in custody till the final disposal of the case.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case coupled with the fact that due to COVID-19, the trial is not made any headway; without discussing the facts in minute detail and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this criminal miscellaneous petition is allowed and petitioner-Charna Singh @ Charna @ Laddi is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

15.9.2021

gsv

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No