

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

**CRM-M-34869-2021
DECIDED ON: 31st AUGUST, 2021**

SAROOP SINGH @ LAKHI

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Tarun Singla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

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

[2] This petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C is filed for grant of regular bail in FIR No. 45, dated 26th May, 2021, under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'Act') (Section 29 of the Act added later on), registered at Police Station Sadar Rampura, District Bathinda.

[3] The brief facts are that on 26th May, 2021, 75 strips each containing ten tablets of Celcidal-100 SR, salt Tramadol Hydrochloride were recovered from Bittu Singh. During interrogation, he stated that tablets were purchased from Saroop Singh @ Lakhi (Petitioner).

[4] Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was not named in the FIR. No recovery was made from him. He was named in the disclosure statement of the co-accused. Challan stands

presented.

[5] Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for grant of bail. She, on instructions submits that challan stands presented on 18th August, 2021 and the petitioner was involved in one more NDPS case in which he was acquitted.

[6] Petitioner's name surfaced in a disclosure statement. The investigation in the present case is complete. No recovery is to be made. Challan stands presented and conclusion of the trial is likely to take time. Petitioner is granted bail subject to his furnishing surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

[7] The petition is allowed.

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

31st AUGUST, 2021
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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

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