

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

**CRM-M No.34879 of 2021
Date of Decision:-01.09.2021**

Karan Singh

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent.

(Heard through Video-Conferencing)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present:- Mr. Sandeep Goyat, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J.(Oral)

The petitioner named Karan Singh seeks the relief of regular bail in the criminal case pertaining to the FIR bearing No.219 dated 12.05.2021 registered at Police Station Hisar City, District Hisar, under Section 7 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, Sections 27(b)(ii) and 28 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, Section 51(b) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and Section 420 read with Section 34 IPC with the allegations that he, along-with his co-accused, was selling the injection 'remdesivir', used for treating the COVID patients, @ Rs.55,000/-, which is much higher than its market price.

Mr. Vishal Kashyap, learned Deputy Advocate General, Haryana, has joined the proceedings in this case in pursuance of the notice of the present petition having been sent to the respondent-State in advance. He has also forwarded the *Pairvi*/status-report to this Court through *e-mail*

and the same is taken on the record.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel in the present petition and have also perused the file thoroughly.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody since 12.05.2021 and the Challan has also been presented in the Court and moreover, the petitioner is not involved in any other case of the similar nature and therefore, he be granted the relief as prayed for in this petition.

Learned State counsel does not dispute the afore-referred factual position but he argues that keeping in view the nature of the offence committed by the petitioner, the present petition be dismissed.

Keeping in view the afore-referred factual position and also the fact that the trial of the case is likely to take sufficient time to conclude and without commenting or expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petitioner named Karan Singh is ordered to be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing the requisite bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

This petition stands allowed accordingly.

September 01, 2021
Yag Dutt

(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes*

Whether Reportable: *No*