

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

CRM-M-40347-2021

Date of Decision: 16th November, 2021

Veerpal Singh @ Jehri

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present : Mr. Dinesh Trehan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab for the respondent-State.

AVNEESH JHINGAN , J.(Oral)

1. Due to COVID-19 situation, the Court is convened through video conference.

2. This petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is filed seeking regular bail in FIR No. 81, dated 22nd June, 2021, under Sections 22, 61 of NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Sadar Jagraon, District Ludhiana.

3. As per the contents of the FIR on 22nd June, 2021, police party on a secret information that Veerpal Singh @ Jehri (petitioner) is a habitual offender of selling drugs can be apprehended and recovery can be made from him. Acting on the information, 410 intoxicant tablets having chemical salt of tramadol were recovered from the petitioner. It is not disputed at this stage that the recovery was of non-commercial quantity.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is in custody since 22nd June, 2021, investigation is complete and recovery is of non-commercial quantity. It is argued that it is a case of false implication due to involvement of the petitioner in other FIRs.

5. Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for grant of regular bail. She submits that petitioner is involved in two more FIRs one being under the NDPS Act.

6. Mere involvement of the petitioner in other two cases in itself would not be a ground to deprive his personal liberty. Considering the facts that the recovery from the petitioner is of non-commercial quantity, investigation is complete, challan was presented on 23rd August, 2021 and conclusion of the trial is likely to take time, the petitioner is granted bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

7. The petition is allowed.

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

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

16th November, 2021

Parveen Sharma

Whether reasoned/speaking
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No