

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

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CRM-M-37732-2020.

Date of Decision: 16.03.2021.

Keshav Goyal

....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Keshav Partap Singh, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Manish Dadwal, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

Case has been taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing.

Present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C has been moved by petitioner- **Keshav Goyal** for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.224 dated 30.09.2020 under Sections 22(c) and 27-A of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Tohana, District Fatehabad.

Supplementary reply in compliance of order dated 25.02.2021 has not been filed by respondent-State.

Learned counsel for petitioner *inter alia* contends that allegations levelled in the FIR are totally concocted, false and frivolous and there is no iota of truth therein. He further urges that allegedly 30000

tablets Radol-100 having salt Tramadol Hydrochloride were recovered from co-accused namely Kuldeep Singh @ Nannu son of Satbir and Kuldeep Singh son of Banta Singh, which fall within the purview of 'commercial quantity'. He further urges that petitioner has been arrayed as accused on the disclosure statement of co-accused namely Saurabh Tiwari and as such alleged recovery of contraband cannot be stretched to have been effected from the conscious possession of petitioner, thus, rigours of provisions of Section 37 of NDPS Act cannot be attracted against the petitioner. He further urges that petitioner is in custody since 05.10.2020 and he is no more required by the Police for any investigation purpose. He further submits that since presentation of *Challan* and trial of the case would take sufficient time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody further and he may be released on bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel while opposing instant petition has vehemently argued that keeping in view seriousness of offence, petitioner does not deserve the concession of bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have carefully gone through the contents of petition as well as reply furnished at the instance of respondent-State.

At this stage, without commenting anything on the merits of the case lest it may prejudice the outcome of the trial but taking into consideration the fact that petitioner is in custody since 05.10.2020; that petitioner is no more required by the Investigating Agency for investigation purpose; that since presentation of *Challan* and consequent trial of the case

would take sufficient time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner in custody further, thus, he deserves the concession of bail.

In view of above, instant petition for grant of regular bail moved by petitioner - **Keshav Goyal** is allowed and he is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing personal bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of Trial Court/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Fatehabad, as the case may be.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/ No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/ No