

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.

Sr. No. 209

Case No. : CRM-M No.38745 of 2020

Date of Decision : March 18, 2021

Chinki Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL.

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Present : Mr. Nirmaljeet Singh Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Bhupender Beniwal, AAG, Punjab.

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HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (Oral) :

The prayer in the present petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.284 dated 10.12.2019 under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Canal Colony, Bathinda, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was sitting behind the Scooty and was apprehended with one Pankaj Batra. The alleged recovery effected from the petitioner is 840 tablets of Clovidol-100 SR and the petitioner is in custody since 10.12.2019. Even the consent Memo has also not been signed by the accused-petitioner.

Learned State counsel, though has not disputed the recovery part from the petitioner, but states that the charges are yet to be framed in

the case.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 10.12.2019. The trial will take time to conclude because of COVID-19 pandemic. Moreover, the evidence has not yet been started. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

Without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

March 18, 2021

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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

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