

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

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**CRM-M No. 44375 of 2020  
Date of decision : 08.01.2021**

Surender Kumar @ Kala

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU**

Present : Mr. Kuldip Singh, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Sheoran, DAG, Haryana  
for respondent-State.

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**HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.**

The case is taken up through video conferencing on account of COVID-19.

The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 303 dated 06.10.2020 registered under Section 18 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Bhuna, District Fatehabad.

As per the allegation made in the FIR, 100 grams of opium was recovered from the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present FIR. The petitioner has been in custody since 06.10.2020. The investigation is complete and the challan has been presented.

The trial of the case is likely to take long time in view of COVID-19 pandemic. No useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars till the conclusion of trial.

Without commenting anything on the merits of the case and also bearing in mind the custody period of the petitioner, this criminal miscellaneous petition is allowed and the petitioner-Surender Kumar @ Kala is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Fatehabad.

08.01.2021  
Rajeev (rvs)

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)  
JUDGE

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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes/No |