

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

CRM-M-50943-2019

Date of Decision: 28.09.2021

Gurbachan Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present : Mr. Sanjeev K. Virk, 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.170, dated 21.09.2019, under Sections 15,25, 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act of 1985, registered at Police Station Sadar, District Kapurthala.

3. As per the allegations there was recovery of 150 kgs of poppy husk from the vehicle driven by the petitioner. The recovery is a commercial quantity. The only ground pressed for seeking regular bail is that petitioner is in custody since 21st September, 2019 and the trial is not proceeding.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Mangal Singh, submits that charges have been framed, next date of trial is 13th October, 2021. She submits that there are twelve prosecution witnesses all of them are official witnesses, sincere endeavour would be made to examine all the prosecution witness within four months from 13th October, 2021.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there would be co-operation by the petitioner side to ensure that the prosecution evidence can be concluded.

6. In view of the statement made no case is made out for grant of regular bail. However, there is no doubt in case a request is made before the Court concerned to proceed in a manner that prosecution witnesses examined within four months, the same would be considered in accordance with law.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

28.09.2021
Parveen Sharma

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