

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

CRM-M-51702-2019

Date of decision:25.01.2021

Ramandeep Sharma

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Karanjit Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Nagra, AAG, Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Custody certificate by way of an affidavit dated 25.01.2021 of Deputy Superintendent, Central Jail, Ludhiana, filed through email, is taken on record.

Through this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C., the petitioner seeks regular bail in case bearing FIR No.40 dated 21.06.2019 registered under Sections 22 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Aur, District SBS Nagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the recovery of 1020 tablets of Alprasaft and 2400 tablets of Clovidol has been effected from co-accused Dishant Prabhakar, who is the pillion rider and was holding a bag, which was placed between the two. The petitioner has been in custody since 21.06.2019 and there is no other case registered or pending against him. It is further stated that co-accused Dishant Prabhakar has already been granted regular bail though on medical ground.

Learned State counsel, while opposing the prayer for grant of regular bail, does not dispute the custody period of the petitioner and the fact that co-accused of the petitioner has already been granted regular bail and there is no other case registered or pending against the petitioner. He further states that the challan has already been presented and out of 11 witnesses, 7 have been examined so far.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 21.06.2019. Trial of the case would take time to conclude. Therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

25.01.2021

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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

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