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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-2424-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision: 09.02.2022

Paramjit Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Prateek Pandit, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail in FIR No.42 dated 19.03.2020 under Sections 21 & 25 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station City Jagraon, District Ludhiana Rural.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per allegations in the FIR, registered at the instance of ASI Piara Singh, he received a secret information that Labh Singh @ Gagan and Paramjit Singh @ Ajay are in the business of selling intoxicant powder in large quantity and they are coming to Jagraon on a motorcycle. On receiving such information, a ruqa was sent to the police station for registration of FIR. Thereafter, ASI Kirandeep Kaur came at the spot and arrested two persons and effected recovery of 2 kg of heroin and

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about Rs.3.00 lacs. It is further submitted that during custodial interrogation of co-accused Paramjit Singh @ Ajay, his first disclosure statement was recorded on 19.03.2020, in which he named one Sukhjot Singh @ Sukha and a Nigerian person, however, the petitioner is not named in said disclosure statement. Again, after 09 days, second disclosure statement was recorded on 28.03.2020, in which name of the petitioner surfaced for the first time.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner is having clean antecedents and is not facing trial in any other case and after his arrest, no intoxicant substance was recovered; he is in custody for the last 01 year, 04 months and 06 days and the trial will take some time in conclusion, as it is delayed due to COVID-19 situation.

Learned State counsel, on the basis of custody certificate dated 08.02.2022 filed in the Court today, has not disputed the factual position.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, without commenting anything on merits of the case and considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail subject to furnishing his bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

Petition is disposed of.

[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No