

239 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-16141-2022

Date of Decision: 28th April, 2022

Bikram Nath

Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. Manish Kumar Singla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

1. This petition is filed seeking regular bail in case of FIR No. 7, dated 22nd March, 2018, under Sections 18 and 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'the Act') registered at Police Station STF, SAS Nagar, Mohali.
2. There was a recovery of fifteen kilogram of liquid opium from the car bearing registration No. HR-08-1-2900. The petitioner was one of the occupant of the car.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is in custody since 22nd March, 2018 and seeks parity with the co-accused who were granted bail by the Supreme Court.
4. Learned State counsel on instructions is not able to distinguish the case of the petitioner with co-accused vis-a-vis the co-accused so far grant of bail is concerned.
5. Considering the custody period and the parity with the co-

accused, petitioner is granted bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

6. The petition is allowed.
7. It is clarified that observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE

28th April, 2022
Parveen Sharma

1. Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes / No
2. Whether reportable : Yes / No