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

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Date of Decision: 21.01.2022**

JASVIR SINGH @ SEERA

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Balbir Kumar Saini, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG Punjab.

(Through Video Conferencing)

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

Prayer is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.196 dated 14.12.2020 registered under Section 22 (under Section 29 added later on) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 registered at Police Station Baghapurana, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that though the alleged recovery effected from the petitioner falls under the commercial quantity, yet he has been in custody for the last more than one year and there is no other case registered or pending against the petitioner. It is further submitted that the petitioner is having 5 daughters, out of whom, 4 are minor and there is no male member in the family to support them. It is yet further submitted that it is the case of the petitioner before the trial Court that he had been

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petitioner, call details of the Raiding Officer, have been ordered to be preserved.

On the other hand, the learned State counsel states that the recovery effected from the petitioner is of commercial quantity and therefore, mere long custody does not entitle him to the grant of bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Charges were framed on 15.03.2021, but only two witnesses out of 13, have been examined, thus far. The petitioner has been in custody for the last more than one year. The 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.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

21.01.2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No