

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

**CRM-M No.23775 of 2021
Date of Decision: 30.09.2022**

Puran Singh

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present:- Mr. Kawalpreet Singh Virk, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Apoorv Garg, DAG, Haryana
for the respondent-State.

MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J.(Oral)

The petitioner herein has sought the relief of regular bail in the criminal case arisen out of the FIR bearing No.148 dated 14.05.2021 registered at Police Station Safidon, District Jind, under Section 18 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, with the allegations that he was apprehended on the basis of secret information and his personal search had resulted in the recovery of opium weighing 505 grams.

2. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel in the present petition and have also perused the file carefully.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is behind the bars since 14.05.2021 and the Challan has already been presented and the charges have also been framed in the present case and

moreover, the quantity of the opium, as allegedly recovered from the possession of the petitioner, falls within the category of ‘non-commercial’ quantity.

4. Learned State counsel does not dispute the afore-referred factual position but he opposes the prayer of the petitioner for grant of regular bail.

5. However, keeping in view the above-discussed factual aspects of the matter as well as the fact that the trial of the case is likely to take sufficient time to conclude and without commenting or expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petitioner named Puran Singh is ordered to be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing the requisite personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

6. The instant petition stands allowed accordingly.

September 30, 2022
Yag Dutt

(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether Reportable:</i>	<i>No</i>