

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

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CRM-M-23421-2022

Date of decision: 31.05.2022

Karan Kumar

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr.Ashish Soi, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr.B.S.Sewak, Addl.AG.Punjab

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

This is a petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.147 dated 16.11.2021, registered under Sections 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985 (Section 29 of the NDPS Act, added later on) at Police Station City Kurali, District SAS Nagar.

As per the allegations in the FIR, one Verna car was intercepted and the occupants of the car namely Gurpreet Singh and Gurdeep Singh were apprehended. 24,500 tablets of Tramadol were recovered from a bag lying in the car. 400 tablets of Tramadol were recovered from the personal search of Gurpreet Singh. As per the FSL report, the weight of the recovered contraband from the car is 9261 gms. The case of the prosecution is that during investigation, Gurpreet Singh and Gurdeep Singh disclosed that they have purchased the Tramadol tablets from the petitioner. The petitioner was arrested on 20.11.2021. At that time, he was carrying a polythene which he threw on seeing the police party. The said polythene was found to contain 600 tablets of Alprazolam the total weight of which, as per FSL report was 73.8 gms.which is non-commercial quantity.

The investigation in the case is complete and the challan has been filed. Other than the disclosure statement of co-accused, there is nothing to connect the petitioner with the other co-accused. The other contraband recovered from the petitioner is non-commercial. The petitioner has been in custody since 20.11.2021. The trial of the case may take long time. No useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner in custody till the final disposal of the case.

This criminal miscellaneous petition is allowed and the petitioner-Karan Kumar is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

31.05.2022

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Whether speaking/non-speaking: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No