

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

CRM-M-37991-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 31.03.2022

Gurpreet Singh @ Gopi

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Vipul Jindal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 173 dated 07.10.2018, registered under Sections 21, 22, 29 and 32 of the NDPS Act, at Police Station Division B, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was not named in the FIR; that the petitioner was neither arrested from the sport, nor any recovery was effected from him; that the petitioner was indicted in the present case on the disclosure statement of co-accused Zorawar Singh; that at one stage, the petitioner was declared a proclaimed offender; that the car used by co-accused Zorawar Singh was owned by him; that even in another case, no recovery was effected from the petitioner and that the petitioner has been in custody since 17.04.2021.

Learned State counsel, while vehemently opposing the prayer for bail submits that the petitioner is also involved in another case. However, he does not dispute the custody period of the petitioner. He submits that out of 21 prosecution witnesses, only 7 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 17.04.2021. No recovery was effected from the petitioner. Remaining 14 prosecution witnesses are yet to be examined. Therefore, the conclusion of the trial would take a long time. Hence, 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 petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

31.03.2022
Mangal Singh

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No