

215 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-44079-2021

Date of decision: 4th February, 2022

Sandeep Verma

Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. K.S. Dadwal, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

1. Due to COVID-19 situation, the Court is convened through video conference.
2. This petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is filed for seeking regular bail in FIR No. 0123, dated 23.06.2021, under Section 18 of Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Sirhind, District Fatehgarh Sahib.
3. The recovery made from the petitioner was of two kilograms and eight hundred grams of opium. One of the primary ground for seeking bail is that petitioner is first time offender, he is in custody since 23.06.2021 and there is no substantial progress in the trial.
4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Amarjit Singh submits that challan was presented on 10.11.2021 and charges were framed on 19.12.2021, out of fourteen prosecution witnesses, one has been

examined. He further submits that most of the witnesses are official and an earnest effort would be made to conclude the prosecution witnesses within four months from the date fixed.

5. In view of the statement made by learned State counsel, the petition is disposed of with liberty to the petitioner to revive the prayer in case there is an inordinate delay in the trial.

6. There is no doubt in case a request is made before the court concerned for accommodating the dates for examination of the prosecution witnesses the same shall be considered in accordance with law.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE

4th February, 2022

Parveen Sharma

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