

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

CRM-M-16910-2023

Decided on:-24.05.2023

Manpreet Singh

....Petitioner..

VS.

State of Punjab

....Respondent..

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Prashant Bansal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Shukla, AAG, Punjab.

HARKESH MANUJA J.

1. By way of present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C, prayer has been made for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.162 dated 03.12.2021, under Section 22 of NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Bassi Pathana.

2. In the present case, allegation against the petitioner is regarding alleged recovery of 15 intoxicant injections of Buprenorphine IP 2 ml each and 15 bottles of Pheniamine Maleate injection IP 10 ml each contained in polythene liffafi.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody for the last almost one and half year and conclusion of trial is likely to take some time, thus, he prays for grant of concession of regular bail.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the prayer

made on behalf of the petitioner while submitting that he is involved in one another case under the provisions of IPC and prays for dismissal of the present petition.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the paper-book. I find substance in the submissions made on behalf of the petitioner.

6. Considering the fact, that the petitioner has already suffered incarceration for a period of almost one and half year, investigation already stands concluded, followed by framing of charges, whereas, out of 16 witnesses cited by the prosecution, 10 have been examined by now and trial is likely to take some time, besides it, there is no other case under the NDPS registered against the petitioner as well as considering the age of the petitioner being 36 years, I do not find any reason to extend his incarceration any further.

7. In view of the above, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

24.05.2023
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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

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