

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-22202-2022 (O&M)  
Date of decision: 08.02.2023

**Mandeep Singh**

**... Petitioner**

**Vs.**

**State of Punjab**

**... Respondent**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN**

Present: Mr. Lalit Singla, Advocate and  
Ms. Varsha Sharma, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Teevar Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

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**ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)**

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail in FIR No.130 dated 04.12.2021 under Sections 15-C/29/61/85 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Mullepur, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is first offender and is in custody for the last 01 year and 02 months. It is further submitted that as per allegations in the FIR, the petitioner and his brother were apprehended by the police on the basis of secret information that they are involved in the sale and purchase of narcotic substance. Thereafter, 08 kg of poppy husk was recovered and on disclosure statement of the petitioner, another recovery of 55 kg of poppy husk was effected.

Learned counsel has further submitted that brother/co-accused of the petitioner, namely Ravneet Singh, who was also arrested at the spot, has already been granted the concession of regular bail vide order dated 07.02.2022 passed in CRM-M-2923-2022. It is also submitted that it will be a matter of trial whether proper procedure was followed by the police or not.

Learned State counsel, assisted by ASI Balwan Singh, has filed the custody certificate in the Court today, according to which, the petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year and 02 months. It is submitted that out of total 13 prosecution witnesses, only 01 PW has been examined till date and it will take some time in conclusion of the trial.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, without commenting anything on merits of the case and considering aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail subject to furnishing his bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

Petition is disposed of.

**[ ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN ]**  
**JUDGE**

08.02.2023  
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No