

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

CRM-M-26155-2023

Date of Decision : 29.05.2023

Varinder Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL

Present : Mr. Ranbir Singh Sekhon, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. I.P.S.Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab
for the respondent-State.

VIKRAM AGGARWAL, J (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.70 dated 07.03.2023, registered under Section 22 & 29 of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, at Police Station Dera Bassi, District SAS Nagar (Mohali).

On 07.03.2023, one Gurjit Singh alias Lala was apprehended and 13500 intoxicant tablets containing *tramadol* were recovered from him. On interrogation, he suffered a disclosure statement stating that he had purchased the said contraband from one Azad Singh. Azad Singh was also arrested and he suffered a disclosure statement naming the present petitioner. The petitioner was arrested on 08.03.2023.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated. He submits that the petitioner was arrested only on the basis of disclosure statement of one Azad Singh; no recovery has been

effected from the petitioner; he is in custody since 08.03.2023; trial will take a sufficiently long time and, therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody any longer.

On the other hand, learned counsel representing the respondent-State of Punjab has opposed the bail application. However, he, on instructions from ASI Paramjit Singh submits that no other case stands registered against the petitioner.

The petitioner is in custody since 08.03.2023. He was nominated as an accused on the basis of a disclosure statement suffered by one Azad Singh, who himself had been nominated on the disclosure statement of main accused Gurjit Singh. No recovery was effected from the present petitioner. He is in custody for the last more than two and a half months. The trial will still take a sufficiently long time and in the considered opinion of this Court, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody any longer.

In view of the aforementioned facts and circumstances, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, SAS Nagar.

(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)
JUDGE

29.05.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No