



sufficiently long time and, therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody any longer who is already undergoing incarceration for the last almost 06 months.

4. Per contra, learned counsel representing the State of Punjab has submitted that the allegations are extremely serious and the question of alleged non-compliance of Section 50 of the NDPS Act would be considered at the stage of trial especially since no narcotic was recovered from the petitioner and even otherwise, it was a case of chance recovery. He submits that if the petitioner is released on bail, there is every likelihood of his absconding.

5. I have considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties and find no reason to release the petitioner on bail.

6. A commercial quantity of heroin was recovered from the pillion rider Amritpal Singh and a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- was recovered from the petitioner. Whether the provisions of Section 50 of the NDPS Act were to be complied with or not shall be determined at the stage of trial considering the fact that it was a case of chance recovery. Incidents of recovery of heavy quantity of narcotics are on the increase and need to be curbed and checked. In the considered opinion of this Court, if the petitioner is released on bail, he may indulge in similar activities and may also abscond. In any case, keeping in view the gravity of allegations, no case for the grant of bail is made out.

7. In view of the above, I do not find any merit in the present petition and the same is accordingly dismissed.

14.06.2024
Prince Chawla

(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)
JUDGE

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