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

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Date of Decision:- 04.12.2024

Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:-HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Balkarn Singh Aulakh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.(Oral)

1. Petitioner – Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi has filed petition under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in FIR No. 57 dated 06.06.2024, under Section 15-B, 61, 85 of NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Sadar Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab.

2. As per the facts of case, on 06.06.2024, SI Kulbeer Chand and police party was going in connection with checking of anti-social persons and while going on G.T. Road, Malout-Abohar, when police party reached T-point, Burjan Road, village Malout, they noticed two young men going on Royal Enfield motorcycle, who were carrying a plastic bag. Said persons were stopped on the basis of suspicion. Rider of motorcycle disclosed his name as Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi and pillion rider disclosed his name as Akashdeep. On conducting search as per rules, 30 kg of poppy

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husk was recovered from plastic bag. With aforesaid recovery, present FIR has been registered.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner argued that he is behind the bars since 06.06.2024. Alleged recovery fall in non-commercial quantity. In fact, he is falsely implicated in this case.

4. Status report has been filed and bail application is opposed. It is further pointed out that present petitioner is involved in as many as nine criminal cases, out of which he was convicted in three cases, acquitted in four cases and in two cases he is undertrial. Considering his antecedents, he is not entitled to be released on bail.

5. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record. So far as other FIRs registered against petitioner are concerned, same will be decided on its own merits. He is already facing trial. In the case in hand, recovery falls in non-commercial quantity. Trial in this case may take long time. No purpose would be served by keeping him behind the bars for indefinite time period. Therefore, regular bail petition filed by petitioner – Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi is allowed. He is ordered to be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Judge concerned.

6. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

04.12.2024

*lalit***(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No