

[242] IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-50879-2023
Date of Decision : 09.01.2024

Manpreet Singh ...Petitioner
versus
State of PunjabRespondent

Coram : HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present : Mr. Karanjeet Singh Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Karunesh Kaushal, AAG, Punjab.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J. (ORAL)

[1] The petitioner is seeking regular bail by way of petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case FIR No.148 dated 20.07.2023 under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985 registered at Police Station City-2, Mansa, District Mansa.

[2] Status report has not been filed by the learned State Counsel.

[3] As per the prosecution allegations, 08 vials of *Wincerex* containing salt of *Codeine Phosphate and Chlorpheniramine Maleate*, weighing 983.20 grams were recovered from the possession of the petitioner on 20.07.2023.

[4] It is contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that recovered quantum of contraband falls in the non commercial category; that petitioner has no criminal antecedents; that he is in custody for the last more than 05 months and trial may take time to conclude so he be allowed on bail.

[5] Learned State Counsel has placed on record the custody certificate, revealing that the petitioner is in custody for the last 05 months and 21 days and that petitioner has no criminal antecedents. Learned State Counsel also does not dispute that recovered quantity from the possession of the petitioner falls in the non-commercial quantity.

[6] Having regard to the above facts and circumstances and the fact that trial is likely to take long time to conclude and no purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner detained, but without commenting anything further on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed and petitioner is admitted to bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

09.01.2024
'Rajneesh'

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