

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

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CRM-M-11900-2019

DATE OF DECISION: 12.07.2019

MANJEET SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. B.S. Jatana, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. D.S. Sukarchakia, DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.90 dated 10.08.2018, under Section 20 of the NDPS Act, 1985 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act'), registered at Police Station Bareta, District Mansa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the alleged recovery of 700 grams of *ganja* along with plastic bag has been effected from the petitioner. The recovered quantity comes under the definition of small quantity in terms of the Act. The maximum sentence for possessing small quantity under Section 20-A of the Act is one year. The petitioner is in custody for over 11 months since his arrest on 10.08.2018.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Darshan Singh, states that the petitioner is involved in several other cases under the Act and two out of six witnesses have been examined in this case.

Heard.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 11 months, the

allegations are that he is found in possession of 700 grams of ganja which is small quantity under the Act and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

12.07.2019

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(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No