

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

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**CRM-M-14895-2019  
DATE OF DECISION: 16.08.2019**

**SATNAM SINGH**

**... Petitioner(s)**

**Versus**

**STATE OF PUNJAB**

**... Respondent(s)**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL**

Present: Ms. Amandeep Kaur Dhaliwal, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Ms. Sudeepti Sharma, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

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**ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)**

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.123 dated 21.09.2018, under Sections 22, 25, 29 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Nehianwala, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of the co-accused, from whom recovery of intoxicating tablets was effected. She also states that besides the statement of the co-accused, there is no other *prima facie* evidence which would connect the petitioner with the commission of offence. She has relied upon the judgment of the Supreme Court in the case of **Surinder Kumar Khanna Vs. Intelligence Officer, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence reported as 2018 (8) SCC 271**. She also states that the petitioner is in custody for over 6 months and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from SI Gursewak Singh, states that although challan has been filed but the charges are yet to be

framed. She is not in a position to controvert the averments of the learned counsel for the petitioner.

Heard.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 6 months, he has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of co-accused 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.

**16.08.2019**

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**(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)  
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No