

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

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CRM-M-18984-2019

DATE OF DECISION: 20.09.2019

RANJIT SINGH @ RANA

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. G.S. Manku, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.24 dated 11.02.2018, under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Talwandi Chaudhrian, District Kapurthala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that Alprazolam tablets with a total weight of 101.956 grams have been recovered from him. He further states that the petitioner is in custody for over 6 months and he is not involved in any other case. He also states that although recovery has been effected from the public place in broad day light but there is no independent witness to the recovery. Learned counsel has relied upon the judgments of the coordinate Benches of this Court in the cases of Binderal Singh Vs. State of Punjab (CRM-M-24502 of 2018) decided on 29.08.2018 and Sera Singh Vs. State of Punjab (CRM-M-7786-2014) decided on 10.03.2014 reported as 2014 (5) RCR (Criminal) 36 wherein

the bail was granted when the recovery of opium was marginally higher than the commercial quantity.

Learned State counsel states that the charges have been framed but no witness has been examined.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, the orders of the coordinate Benches of this Court, the recovery being marginally higher than the commercial quantity, the petitioner is not involved in any other case 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 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.

20.09.2019

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**(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No