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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-27687 OF 2019
Date of Decision: 21.11.2019

Harwinder Singh @ Kalu

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present Mr.P.S.Rai, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. K.K.Bheniwala, Addl. AG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.29 dated 18.07.2018, under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Mattewal, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the tablets of Alprazolam with a total weight of 115 gms were allegedly recovered from the petitioner. He is in custody for over one year and four months. He is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He has relied upon the judgment of coordinate Bench of this Court in the case of **Gagandeep Singh @ Gagan Vs. State of Punjab, in CRM-M-29059 of 2018**, decided on 14.11.2018, wherein recovery of alprazolam was about 200 gms and the petitioner therein had been granted regular bail after custody of one year and four months.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Ramesh Kumar, states that charges have been framed but none of the prosecution witnesses have been examined so far.

Heard.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over one year and four months; he is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act; the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time and the judgment of the co-ordinate Bench of this Court in **Gagandeep Singh @ Gagan's case (supra)**, 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.

21.11.2019
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(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

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