

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

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CRM-M-30233-2019

DATE OF DECISION: 19.12.2019

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... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Harsh Manocha, 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.57 dated 19.11.2018, under Sections 21 and 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station STF, Phase 4, District SAS Nagar (Mohali).

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that Alprazolam tablets with a total weight of 226 grams and 128 grams of Tramadol had been allegedly recovered from the petitioner. Recovery of Alprazolam is above the commercial quantity while Tramadol is below the commercial quantity. Prior to 26.04.2018, possession of Tramadol was not an offence under the NDPS Act. The petitioner is 23 years old lady and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. She is in custody for over 13 months. He has relied upon the judgment of coordinate Benches of this Court in the case of **Kashmir Singh Vs. State of Punjab**, in CRM-M-7437 of 2019, decided on 21.02.2019 wherein the petitioner therein had been granted regular bail as he was in custody for over seven months and the judgment in the case of **Karaj Singh Vs.**

State of Punjab, in CRM-M-23811 of 2018, decided on 09.07.2018, wherein the petitioner therein had been granted regular bail after custody of six months.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Sukhwinder Singh, states that 11 out of 13 prosecution witnesses have been examined.

Heard.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner especially when the petitioner is a 23 years old lady, she is not involved in any other case under the NDPS 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 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.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

19.12.2019.

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