

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-714-2020 (O & M)

Date of Decision: October 09, 2020

BALJEET SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.Manu Loona, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.96 dated 12.07.2019, under Section 22/61/85 of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Khuian Sarwar, District Fazilka.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that intoxicating tablets containing Tramadol with a total weight of 2 kgs were allegedly recovered from the petitioner. The co-accused Ramesh Singh had been granted anticipatory bail by the Coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-37236 of 2019 on 18.12.2019 and co-accused Reena Rai @ Reena Rani has been granted regular bail by this Court in CRM-M-21911-2020 on 28.08.2020.. He further contends that the petitioner is a poor person and sole breadwinner of his family which comprises his wife and minor child. He is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He is custody for almost 01 year and 03 months.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Sukhpal Singh states that although the charges have been framed but none of the prosecution witnesses have been examined.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner in custody for almost 1 year and 03 months, co-accused has been granted bail by this Court, he is not involved in any other case, COVID-19 pandemic 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.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

October 09, 2020
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No