

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

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CRM-M-946-2020

Date of decision : 20.07.2020.

Nirmal Singh @ Vicky

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Yashpal Thakur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sidakmeet Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.02, dated 03.01.2019, under Section 22 of the NDPS Act (Section 29 of the NDPS Act added later on), registered at Police Station Sadar Dhuri, District Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that 680 tablets of Tramadol with a total weight of 274.04 grams have been recovered from him. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over one year and one month and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. 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, 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, the petitioner therein had been granted regular bail after custody of six months.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate, which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 01 year, 01 month and 18 days as on 19.07.2020. He contends that 06 out of 22 prosecution witnesses have been examined.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner especially when the petitioner is in custody for over one year and one month; he is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act; the judgements of the Coordinate Benches of this Court; the Covid-19 pandemic and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take sometime, 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

July 20, 2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No