

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

CRM-M-3384-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 21.12.2020

Gurmeto @ Gurmit Kaur @ Nilli

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Gurmohan Singh Bedi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 43 dated 02.04.2016, registered under Sections 15, 18, 21 and 22 of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 at Police Station Sultanpur Lodhi, District Kapurthala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is a lady; she is in judicial custody for the last about 01 year and 03 months and she is not involved in any other case.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that one of the co-accused of the petitioner, namely Sumit Gori, has already been granted concession of regular bail by this Court, vide order dated 28.09.2017 passed in CRM-M-35385-2017.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate and submitted that recovery is of commercial quantity. He further submitted that

out of total 11 prosecution witnesses, 02 witnesses have been examined so far. As per custody certificate, the petitioner is not involved in any other case.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, considering the fact that petitioner is in judicial custody for the last about 01 year and 03 months; she is not involved in any other case; co-accused has already been granted concession of regular bail as noticed above and also in view of the fact that due to COVID-19 situation, the conclusion of trial is likely to take some time, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular, on her furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate, concerned.

21.12.2020

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No