

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

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CRM-M-4688-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision : 24.09.2020.

Pawan @ Pona

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Parveen Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Karan Sharma, AAG, Haryana.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.689 dated 24.11.2018, under Section 20 of the NDPS Act (Section 29 of the NDPS Act added later on), registered at Police Station City Gohana, district Sonapat.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the alleged recovery which has been effected from the petitioner is 09 kgs. 400 grams *charas*. He further contends that the petitioner is in custody for over 01 year 10 months and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He also contends that the wife of the petitioner is suffering from mental disorder. He has referred to a copy of the out-patient card of the Government Medical College for Women, Khanpur Kalan, Sonapat at Annexure P-1 with Criminal Misc. No.23963 of 2020 in this regard.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Kuldeep, contends that the petitioner is in custody for over 01 year 10 months since his arrest on 24.11.2018. He also contends that 01 out of 14 prosecution witnesses has 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 01 year 10 months; he is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act; the 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

September 24, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No