

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-6278-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 21.09.2020

SANDEEP KUMAR

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. R.S. Mamli, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Aditi Girdhar, AAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.615 dated 22.12.2017, under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Ratia, District Mahendergarh, Haryana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that Alprasafe 0.5 mg tablets with a total weight of 1 kg 80 grams and Tramadol weighing 1 kg 130 grams were recovered from him. He further contends that the petitioner is about 27 years of age and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He is in custody for over 2 years and 9 months since his arrest on 22.12.2017. He also contends that the petitioner had earlier been granted interim bail on account of the non-receipt of the FSL report and he had surrendered after the FSL report.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from SI Risal Singh contends that 5 out of 9 prosecution witnesses have been examined and the petitioner is in custody since his arrest on 22.12.2017.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is in custody for almost 2 years and 9 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

21.09.2020.

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