

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

208

CRM-M-7351-2020

Date of decision : 14.08.2020.

Paramjit Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Pardeep Kumar Kapila, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.221 dated 11.12.2019, under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Boha, District Mansa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations in the FIR against the petitioner are that tablets containing Tramadol with a total weight of 351.01 grams were recovered from him. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over eight months 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 wherein 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, wherein the petitioner therein had been granted regular bail after custody of six months.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from SI Rajinder Singh, contends that although challan have been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for 08 months and 01 day and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act.

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 eight 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

August 14, 2020

sonia gugnani

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