

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

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CRM-M-7411-2020

Date of decision : 09.11.2020.

Akashdeep Singh alias Akash

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Ashish Aggarwal, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.10 dated 28.01.2019, under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Kacha Pacca, District Tarn Taran.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner in the FIR are that intoxicant tablets with a total weight of 396 grams approximately containing Tramadol were allegedly recovered from him. He further contends that the petitioner is in custody for over 01 year, 04 months and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. Learned counsel has relied upon the judgments of the 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, upon instructions from ASI Kulwant Singh, contends that although charges have been framed but none of the prosecution witnesses has been examined.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 01 year and 04 months, he is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act, the judgments of the Coordinate Benches of this Court, 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

November 09, 2020

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