

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-8316-2020 (O&M)

DATE OF DECISION: 07.10.2020

SURENDER SINGH

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Manvinder Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Tanuj Sharma, AAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.0398 dated 30.09.2019, under Section 22-C of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Rania, District Sirsa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner in the FIR are that the petitioner was driving the motorcycle with recovery of Tramadol tablets with a total weight of 516.25 grams was effected from a bag which was held by the co-accused who was pillion riding the motorcycle. He further contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He is in custody for over 1 year. 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 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, the judgments of the coordinate Benches of this Court, the petitioner 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

07.10.2020.

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