

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

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**CRM-M-10071-2020**

**DATE OF DECISION: 10.09.2020**

**SUKHPAL SINGH**

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

**STATE OF PUNJAB**

... Respondent(s)

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL**

**Present:** Mr. Jashandeep Singh Sandhu, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

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**ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)**

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.227 dated 06.11.2019, under Section 15 and 25 of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Sangat Bathinda, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the alleged recovery which has been effected from the petitioner is 100 kg of poppy husk. He further contends that the petitioner is the sole bread winner of his family which comprises of his wife and two minor daughters. The petitioner is in custody for over 10 months and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He also contends that the petitioner is suffering from a liver ailment as is evident from the medical report of the doctors at Annexure R-1 of the affidavit filed by the Superintendent, Central Jail.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Amritpal Singh, contends that challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined.

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In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 10 months, he is unwell and 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**

**10.09.2020.**

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| Whether reportable        | : | Yes / No |