

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

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CRM-M-12317-2020

Date of decision : 28.05.2020.

Puram Chand @ Sonu

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Sandeep Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.128 dated 25.10.2017, under Section 15 of the NDPS Act (Section 29 of the NDPS Act was added later on), registered at Police Station Sujanpur, district Pathankot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR that recovery of 01 quintal 47 kgs. poppy husk has been effected from Malkeet Singh and Amarjeet Singh, who are named in the FIR. Malkeet Singh and Amarjeet Singh, in their statement, had disclosed the name of one Dharminder Kumar @ Govinda, who has further disclosed the name of the petitioner and he has been arraigned as an accused. He also contends that no recovery has been effected from the petitioner and he is in custody for about two and a half months.

Learned State counsel contends that although no recovery has been effected from the petitioner, he was also involved in another case bearing FIR No.91 of 2015.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that he has received instructions that the petitioner has been acquitted in the other case.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of co-accused, he is in custody for over two and a half months, 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

May 28, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No