

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-13411-2020

Date of decision: 12.06.2020

Bimla Rani

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Munish Gulati, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner-Bimla Rani has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.30 dated 11.03.2020 under Sections 15/61 of NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Guruharshai, District Ferozepur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the alleged recovery from house of the petitioner is of non-commercial quantity. He further submits that her son and husband, both are behind bars and she being lady, aged 55 years, deserves to be granted concession of bail in view of the present COVID situation.

In view of the peculiar facts as noticed above, considering the

existing situation due to COVID and the fact that trial is likely to take time, this Court deems it appropriate to direct release of the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned, subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds and also subject to his furnishing security worth Rs.25,000/- in the form of bank guarantee or immovable property. However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed as an expression on merits of the case. It is also made clear that in case, the petitioner found involved in any other NDPS Act case subsequently, the prosecution is at liberty to move an application for cancellation of bail.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
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Whether speaking/ reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No