

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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**CRM-M-13681-2020 (O & M)
Date of Decision: June 15, 2020**

MANDEEP SINGH @ MEETA

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. D.S. Virk, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Chetan Sharma, AAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.95 dated 22.02.2020, under Section 15 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Rania, District Sirsa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that recovery of 64 kgs of poppy husk in total in 03 bags had been effected from the co-accused namely Sonu Kumar and petitioner has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of Sonu Kumar. He also contends that no recovery has been effected from the petitioner and he is in custody for over 3 ½ months since his arrest on 24.02.2020. He also contends that the petitioner was falsely implicated in another case wherein no recovery had been effected from him and he was arraigned as an accused on the statement of co-accused in an FIR registered at Hanumangarh. He is on bail in that case.

Learned State counsel states that when co-accused Sonu Kumar was arrested, he disclosed that he had purchased the poppy husk from the petitioner. He also states that although the charges have been framed but no prosecution witness has been examined.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when no recovery has been effected from the petitioner, he is in custody for over 3 ½ months, 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 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

June 15, 2020

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