

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM -M-15850-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 05.08.2020

RAJINDER SINGH

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. G.S.Punia, Senior Advocate with
Mr. P.S. Punia, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.41 dated 20.05.2017, under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Sadar Sangrur.

Learned senior counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of the co-accused Jagvir Khan, who has been granted regular bail by the coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-2421 of 2019 on 08.11.2019. The petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 10 months but there is no progress in the trial since November 2019. The petitioner is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He also contends that the petitioner was working as a helper in the clinic of the co-accused namely Dr. Rajinder Singla. In the petition preferred by the co-accused, Dr. Rajinder Singla, the

proceedings qua him have been stayed.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Sukhjinder Singh, contends that prosecution witnesses have been examined and the matter is listed for defence evidence and arguments. He also contends that after the arrest of the petitioner, recovery of tablets containing Buprenorphine of commercial quantity has been effected from him.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of the learned senior counsel for the petitioner, especially when the co-accused Jagvir Khan has been granted bail, the petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 10 months, he 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

05.08.2020.

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