

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-17367-2020 (O&M)

DATE OF DECISION: 15.07.2020

RACHHPAL KAUR @ PALLO

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Vidit Bansal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. S.P.S. Tinna, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.106 dated 01.09.2017, under Section 15 of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Lohian, District Jalandhar Rural.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that 03 bags containing total of 90 kg of poppy husk were recovered from a car wherein the petitioner and the co-accused were travelling. He further contends that the petitioner is a 52 years old lady with a minor child. She is in custody for over 2 years and 10 months and is not involved in any other case. The petitioner was neither the driver nor the owner of the car. Learned counsel also contends that the trial could not be concluded due to general instructions pertaining to COVID-19 pandemic.

Learned State counsel contends that the car belongs to a cousin of the petitioner. He also states that the prosecution evidence has been completed and the matter is now listed for defence evidence.

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In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is a lady with a minor child, she is in custody for over 2 years and 10 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 her furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

15.07.2020.

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