

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

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**CRM-M-18111-2020**

**DATE OF DECISION: 14.10.2020**

**SATTO**

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

**STATE OF PUNJAB**

... Respondent(s)

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL**

Present: Mr. Naresh Jain, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

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**ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)**

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.173 dated 08.11.2019, under Section 15 of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Sadar Malout, District Shri Muktsar Sahib.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that neither the petitioner was apprehended at the spot nor any recovery has been effected from her. He further contends that recovery of 55.300 kgs of poppy husk is alleged to have been effected from the Panchayat Dharamshala. The petitioner was arraigned as an accused later on as it is alleged that the petitioner had brought the poppy husk in the vehicle of the co-accused Harbhajan Singh from Rajasthan. He also contends that the petitioner was also implicated in other cases and she is on bail in those cases. The petitioner is in custody for over 7 months.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Kewal Singh, contends that challan has been filed but none of the prosecution witnesses has been examined. He further contends that the petitioner is also involved in other cases.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is a lady, no recovery has been effected from her, she is in custody for over 7 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**

**14.10.2020.**

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