

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-19012-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 04.08.2020

DHARAM SINGH

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Fariad Singh Virk, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.90 dated 20.06.2019, under Section 22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Anaj Mandi, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that he was found in possession of tablets containing Diphenoxylate hydrochloride and Atropine sulphate which are of commercial quantity. The petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 1 month and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from SI Balwinder Singh, states that although charges have been framed but no prosecution witness has been examined. He further contends that as per the FSL report, the

total weight of the tablets is found to be of commercial quantity, therefore, he is not entitled to the concession of regular bail.

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In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 1 month, 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

04.08.2020.

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