

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

**CRM-M No. 24353 of 2020
Date of decision: 17.11.2020.**

Deepak Kumar @ Kartik

..... Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Bhupender Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab, for the respondent-State.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No. 293 dated 27.11.2018, under Section 20 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 ('NDPS Act' - for short) besides Sections 181, 190 (2), 192 and 196 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, registered at Police Station Samrala, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that two kilograms of 'charas' was allegedly recovered from his car. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for about two years and he is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Baljinder Singh, contends that five out of the fifteen witnesses have been examined by the prosecution. He has filed affidavit of custody which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for a period of one year, eleven months and twenty days.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is in custody for almost about two years, he is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act; the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time and the Covid-19 pandemic, 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

17.11.2020
Ramesh

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