

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-19682-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 14.10.2020

ANJANDEEP

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Gurpal Singh Kahlon, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.8 dated 05.02.2019, under Sections 21/22/61/85 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Rahon, District SBS Nagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that recovery of 150 injections of Buprenorphine and 150 bottles of Avil has been effected from the petitioner. He further contends that the possession of Avil does not constitute an offence under the NDPS Act. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 8 months since his arrest on 05.02.2019 and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He also contends that the trial has come to a standstill due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Kuldeep Singh, contends that 4 out of 13 prosecution witnesses have been examined.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 8 months, the petitioner 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

14.10.2020.

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