

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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**CRM-M-21293-2020 (O & M)
Date of Decision: August 13, 2020**

PARKASH KAUR @ PASHO

....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. K.B. Raheja, 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.53 dated 20.04.2020, under Section 21 of the NDPS Act and Sections 25/27 of the Arms Act, registered at Police Station, Special Task Force, District STF Wing.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that in pursuance to her disclosure statement, 10 grams of heroin and a sum of ₹5,60,000/-, which was a loan she had obtained from a bank, were recovered from her. He has placed on record a photocopy of the sanction letter of loan issued by the ICICI Bank, which is taken on record. She is in custody for over 03 months and not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He also contends that co-accused namely Ranjit Singh has been granted anticipatory bail by the Coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-17609-2020 on 09.07.2020 and co-accused namely Sona Singh has been granted regular bail by this Court in CRM-M-19980-2020 on 10.08.2020.

Learned State counsel contends that 10 grams of heroin and ₹5,60,000/- as drug money were recovered from the petitioner. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for 03 months and 18 days. He upon instructions from ASI Sukhminder Singh states that although the challan has been filed on 17.06.2020 but no prosecution witness has been examined.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner, who is a lady, is in custody for over 03 months, recovery is of non-commercial quantity, she is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act, co-accused has been granted bail, 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 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

August 13, 2020

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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No