

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

**CRM-M No. 25253 of 2020
Date of decision: 02.09.2020.**

Sohan Singh Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Himanshu Puri, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No. 02 dated 25.07.2017, under Section 15 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Special Task Force, Phase 4, District Mohali.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that 90 kilograms of poppy husk was recovered from the petitioner. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over three years since the date of his arrest on 25.07.2017. He also contends that in view of Covid-19 pandemic, the trial of the case has come to standstill.

Learned State counsel contends that all the prosecution witnesses have been examined and the matter is now listed for defence evidence, if any, and arguments.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over three years 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 his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

02.09.2020
Ramesh

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No