

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-29202-2020 (O & M)
Date of Decision: September 29, 2020

GULSHAN SHARMA

....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Pankaj Kaushik, Advocate for
Mr. Sunil Kumar Dhanda, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.229 dated 06.11.2018, under Sections 22/61/85 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Maur, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the alleged recovery which has been effected from the petitioner is 36 vials of Onerex (cough syrup) containing 100 ml each and 51 strips of Carisoprodol (Carisoma compound) containing 10 tablets each. Carisoma compound is not covered under the NDPS Act. The petitioner is in custody for about 01 year and 11 months and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He further contends that the trial has come to stand still due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Learned State counsel contends that as per the custody certificate, the petitioner is in custody for 01 year, 10 months and 21 days. He upon instructions from ASI Gurtej Singh states that all prosecution witnesses have been examined.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 01 year and 10 months, he is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act, 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 his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

September 29, 2020
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No