

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-31345-2020 (O&M)

DATE OF DECISION: 12.10.2020

BALWINDER SINGH

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Jasbir Singh Dadwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.02 dated 25.07.2017, under Sections 15/61/85 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station STF, Phase IV, Mohali, District SAS Nagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the alleged recovery of 90 kgs poppy husk has been effected from a car wherein the petitioner was alleged to be sitting and Rs.79,000/- was recovered. He further contends that the petitioner is in custody for over 3 years and 2 months and the trial has come to a standstill due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from SI Avtar Singh, contends that the petitioner is involved in two other cases under the NDPS Act. He further contends that all the 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 3 years and 2 months, 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.

However, the petitioner shall appear before Police Station STF, Phase 4, Mohali every alternate Monday till the conclusion of the trial.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

12.10.2020.
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No