

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

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CRM-M-30983-2020

Date of decision : 09.10.2020.

Saif Nawab @ Honey

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Monty Goyal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.21 dated 03.03.2018, under Sections 21/61/85 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station City-2 Malerkotla, district Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that the petitioner was driving a scooter and 15 vials of Onrex (Codine Phosphate) 100 ml. each were recovered from co-accused, who was a pillion rider and another 15 vials were recovered from the dicky of the scooter. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over one year six months and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He also contends that due to COVID-19 pandemic, the trial has come to a standstill.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Ram Dass, contends that 06 out of 11 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 01 year and 06 months, he 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

October 09, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No