

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-31093-2020 (O & M)
Date of Decision: December 10, 2020

GURJANT SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Tarunveer Vashist, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Deepak Kumar, DAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.121 dated 05.08.2020, under Section 18 (b) of the NDPS Act and Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 (Haryana Amendment Bill, 2020), registered at Police Station Guhla, District Kaithal.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that 182 grams of opium and 02 litres of illicit liquor were allegedly recovered from him. He also contends that there is no independent witness to the recovery. He further contends that the petitioner is involved in another case under the NDPS Act for possession of 1.5 kgs of poppy husk and is on bail in that case. The petitioner is in custody for about 04 months since his arrest on 05.08.2020.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Rajbir Singh states that the challan has been filed but charges are yet to be framed.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the alleged recovery of opium is of non-commercial quantity, the petitioner is in custody for about 04 months, 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

December 10, 2020
A.Kaundal

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