

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

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CRM-M-29569-2019

Date of decision : 31.07.2020.

Jaswant Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Gurpal Singh Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.37, dated 03.03.2019, under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Lambi, district Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was sitting in the vehicle wherefrom recovery of Tramadol and Alprazolam was effected. He further contends that co-accused, namely, Ajay Pal Singh, who was driving the vehicle has been granted regular bail by the Coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-28175 of 2019, on 06.03.2020. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over one year and five months and was implicated in another case under the NDPS Act wherein the recovery is of non-commercial quantity and he is on bail in that case.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from SI Preetpal Singh, contends that the petitioner is in custody for 01 year, 04 months and 26 days and is also involved in another case under the NDPS Act. He also contends that

07 out of 15 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 about one year and five months; co-accused has been granted regular bail; 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 not try to contact or influence any of the witnesses and shall appear before the Police Station Lambi, district Sri Muktsar Sahib on every Monday till the conclusion of the trial.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

July 31, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No