

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-42372-2019 (O&M)

DATE OF DECISION: 27.11.2020

GURPREET SINGH @ LAKHA ... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB ... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Ranbir Singh Sekhon, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.79 dated 22.06.2019, under Sections 22 and 25 of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Vairo Ke, District Fazilka.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that recovery of Clovidol 100 SR tablets with a total weight of 447 grams has allegedly been effected from the petitioner. He further contends that the petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 5 months and he is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He also contends that although charges have been framed in November 2019 but no witness has been examined.

Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner has undergone total sentence for a period of 1 year, 5 months and 3 days.

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 1 year and 5 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

27.11.2020.

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