

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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**CRM-M-42956-2019 (O & M)
Date of Decision: June 10, 2020**

SATNAM SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.Jashandeep Singh Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.06 dated 15.01.2018 under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Dayalpura, District Bathinda, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that intoxicating tablets containing 103 grams of Alprazolam and 300 tablets containing tramadol were allegedly recovered from the petitioner. The FIR in pursuance to the recovery was registered on 15.01.2018 and at that time tramadol did not constitute an offence under the NDPS Act and it has been brought under the NDPS Act in terms of the Notification issued by the Government on 28.04.2018. The petitioner is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act and is in custody for about one year.

Learned State counsel contends that although the charges have been framed but none of the 11 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far. The petitioner has put in 10 months in custody.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the recovery is marginally higher than the commercial quantity, petitioner is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act, 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 her furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

June 10, 2020

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