

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

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CRM-M-44999-2019

Date of decision : 31.07.2020.

Tejparkash Singh @ Sona

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Jashandeep 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.118, dated 30.05.2019, under Section 22 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Civil Lines Bathinda, district Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that 12 vials (bottles) of cough syrup, namely, 'Wincirex' each containing 100 ml. were allegedly recovered from him. He further contends that the petitioner is in custody for over one year and two months and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He has relied upon the judgement of the Coordinate Bench of this Court in the case of **Manpreet Singh versus State of Punjab**, passed in CRM-M-14039 of 2014 on 10.07.2014 whereby the petitioner therein, who was apprehended having similar recovery, was granted regular bail after having put in about eleven months in custody.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Paramjeet Singh, contends that the petitioner is in custody for 01 year, 01 month and 29 days and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act. He also contends that 01 out of 12 prosecution witnesses has 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 two 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

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