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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.49820 of 2019 (O&M)

Date of decision: 16.10.2020

Rango Bai

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Sandeep Verma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.101 dated 15.09.2019 registered under Section 22/61 of the NDPS Act at Police Station Sadar Abohar, District Fazilka.

Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is an old lady, aged about 67 years and is suffering from multiple health problems. It is further submitted that as per the allegations in the FIR, the police on the basis of a secret information, arrested the petitioner and recovered 3030 intoxicant tablets.

Counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that despite the fact charge was framed on 07.03.2020, till date not even a single prosecution witness has been examined and, thus, it will take long time in conclusion of the trial. It is also submitted that the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 01 year and she is not involved in any other case.

Counsel for the State has filed the Custody Certificate

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today in the Court and as per the Custody Certificate, the petitioner is in custody for about 01 year and 01 month and she is not involved in any other case.

Without commenting anything on merits of the case, considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody for the last about 01 year and 01 month; she is not involved in any other case and also in view of the fact that the conclusion of the trial will take long time due to COVID-19 situation, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on bail subject to her furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

However, it will be open for the prosecution to apply for cancellation of bail of the petitioner, in case she is found involved in any other case or misusing the concession of bail, in any manner.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No