

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-1620-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 28.07.2021

GURCHARAN SINGH @ NAGAR

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Karanjeet Singh Brar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.71 dated 22.08.2018, under Sections 21 and 25 of the NDPS Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Vairo Ke, District Fazilka.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that 740 grams of heroin was allegedly recovered from the petitioner. The petitioner is in custody for almost 3 years and is not involved in any other case under the NDPS Act.

Reply filed by the learned State counsel is taken on record. Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Swaran Singh, contends that 2 out of 9 prosecution witnesses have been examined. He has also filed custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for a period of 2 years, 11 months and 3 days.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for almost 3 years, 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

28.07.2021

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